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Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
"	Sec. Bd of Rev	Forwarding Min: Con: of the 31st Oct 43 with Extract from a letter from the Court of Directors of the 19th July 43 and calling for report as to how far the Jurisdiction of the Village Moonsiffs had afforded satisfaction to the people and been productive of advantage.
"	do	Transmitting to him Petitions Nos 42 and 1276 of 1843 on the subject of the reinstatement of a dismissed Amblagar and requesting him to return them with the Boards endorsement thereon to the Petitioners.
"	do	Requesting him to report when and under what authority Jomeeah No 1 had been renewed in his District in the name of Shaick Abdool Kurreem. [not found in the file]
"	do	Forwarding Register of Petitions for September and October 43.
"	do	Requesting him to State on what Specific grounds he would recommend that the Jomeeah No 6 enjoyed by the late Meer Mahomed should be [illegible]

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Received Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date	Number	From whom received	Substance
			for November and December 1875
25/3	"	Secy, Bd of Rev	Desiring to be informed if the practice obtains in this district of farming out as in Tanjore the privilege or monopoly of retailing along the line of Sea-coast, and 5 miles inland and to State its advantages or objections with particulars regarding the prevention of smuggling or illicit manufacture of Salt.
Do	"	Do	Confirming the decision of the ... in the case of Petitioner in No 1801 claiming 1/8 share of a certain ...
11/4	"	Do	Calling for the Collr's Sentiments as to whether any portion of the arrears of Rs 93,263-12-6 due by the ... of the Valiaputty Pollium might be remitted and desiring to know the charge for management ... with Reasons if any, why ... not be exempted from ... whilst the Separate Estates of the various assumed ... have been amalgamated ... the District into ...

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			the Moyenzabitah of Fusli 1228 and further desiring to be informed of the grounds on which the assertion of over-assessment made by the Poligars of Marungapury and Veeramalay is supported and whether they are deserving of any degree of consideration.
11/4	"	Secy. Bd of Rev	Comm^d to him the Sanction of Govt for the grant of 1½ Cawls [illegible] of nunjah waste land in lieu of the same extent appropriated for the Road from Madura to Alagercovil
6/5	"	do	Transmitting for report Petition No 507 of 44 from Gopaul Cothen on the subject of a plot of ground belonging to him in the town of Madura. [not found in the file].
13/5	"	do	Comm^d to him the Sanction of Govt for the continuance of allowance of Zeoncah [illegible] No 1 to Mahomed Ennus [illegible] from the 16th of Decr 43 the date of the decease of his father Shaik Abdul Kurreem. [not found in the file].
		do	Authorising disbursement of Rs [illegible] for the repairs of Pagodas [illegible]

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			from the surplus funds of those [illegible]tutions and directing him to confine himself to the simple disbursement of such of the same as are appropriated to religious works without in anyway interfering with or controlling their expenditure.
27/5	"	Secy. Bd of Rev	Transmitting for report Petition No 616 of 1844 on the subject of Petitioner's claim to be put [in] possession of the endowment [of] a Pagoda
8/7	"	do	~~Forwarding Min Con: of the [illegible]~~ directing modification of all former orders on the subject of lands in Military Cantonments and directing levy of ordinary assessment on all lands in excess of the extent entered in grants and for which grants have not been obtained, except when that may exceed the quit rent, in which case the quit rent only shall be levied.
		do	Transmitting to him copy of Extract from the Min: Con: d. 23[illegible]

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Received Letters. *Board file* Madura Collectors' Office.

Number.		From whom received.	Substance.
			Stating that no sufficient necessity is apparent to justify the resumption of certain ground in the Fort of Madura occupied by Gopaul Kotten. [not found in the file].
	,,	Secy Bd of Rev	Stating that he is competent to reinstate on application any of the Sivagunga Curnoms dismissed by him & concurring with him in opinion that the Curnoms of the Zemindary are amenable to the provisions of Reg IX of 1822 so long as the Estate remains under the management of the officers of Crown.
49	,,	— Do —	Authorising disbursement of Rs. 6937-15-6 for repairs of Pagodas &c from the surplus funds of those institutions respectively and directing him to confine himself to the simple disbursement of such of the sums as are to be appropriated to religious works without in any way interfering with or controlling their expenditure.
50	,,	— Do —	Forwarding Register of Petitions

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Received Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
19/8	"	Secy, Bd of Rev	Forwarding Min: Con: of the 24th instt. Conveying revised Sanction of Jeoneeh No 1 to Mahomed Omur as nephew, and not Son, of the late incumbent [not found in the file].
[illegible]/9	"	Do	Transmitting for report Petition No 1018 of 44 from [illegible] chetty relative to his claim to certain Land.
[illegible]/9	"	Do	Transmitting Petition No 1019 of 1844 from Chuttra Narayana Levas of Ramnad and requesting him to report whether Petr has any Special claim for support from the Estate of the minor Zemindar.
16/9	"	Do	Transmitting to him Copy of correspondence with Govt, with an Extract from the Min: Con: of 2d instt. Containing orders regarding the proportion of charges of management to be debited to the Dindigul, and Madura Pollums in adjusting the balance against them. Sanctioning the release of the Cunniwandy Estabt and the reduced Establishment proposed for the Nelacottay Talug. Stating that the final disposal of the Lomeraw

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Received Letters. Madura Collectors' Office.

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			Estate may be deferred until the Proprietor minor Proprietor comes of age and requesting the Dt. Collr. to submit an advertisement for the Sale of the Thoppamalay Pollium. [not found in the file]
26/9	"	Secy. Bd. of Rev.	Comm. by Endorsement on Petition No 1018 of 54 of their approval that the lands referred to have been restored to the original proprietor.
1/10	"	Do	Informing that Govt. have resolved not to treat the Tondiman State as a Foreign Territory and desiring him not to establish Custom Choukies on the Frontier of that Estate.
7/10	"	Do	Informing him that the Board are of opinion that the Village Pujari whose maunium land is included in the bed of a Tank now in progress of formation at Audipully is not entitled to an equivalent at the hands of Govt.
14/10	"	Do	Procgs intimating resolution of Govt. not to treat the Tondiman State as a Foreign Territory.
		Do	Procgs forwarding copy of their letter to Govt. d/28 August & min. [illegible]

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Received Letters.

Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
		assumed Pollums of Valiapatty Veeramalay and Marungapurey.
"	Secy. Bd of Rev	Requesting him to report more fully with reference to his Endorsement on Petition No 607 of 1844 regarding the claim of the Petr to certain villages in question.
"	Do	Transmitting for report Petition No 1255 of 44 from Narayanaswami Naick claiming a portion of the glacis.
"	Do	Authorising disbursement of Rs 1762-15-9 for repairs of Pagodas & chuttrums from the Surplus funds of those institutions and directing him to confine himself to the simple disbursement of such of the sums as are appropriated to religious purposes without in any way interfering with or controlling their expenditure.
"	Do	Approving of the Procgs of the Ptg Collr regarding the restoration of the Codappanaickanur Estate to the Zemindar.

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Received Letters. Board file Madura Collectors' Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received:	Substance.
28/11	"	Secy. Bd. of Rev.	Requesting him to state whether with reference to the Custom prevailing in the Cunniwandy [illegible] he considers Comara Naranimma Appiah Naick as entitled to succeed to the Cunniwandy Estate and suggesting that it may be advisable to delay its Registry in his name until it can be ascertained whether there is any expectation of issue being born to the late Zemindar.
19/12	"	do	Commg. to him the Authority of [illegible] for the defence in the first instance at the public expense of the Suit of 1844 instituted in the Southern Provincial Court against himself & the late Hd. Sheristadar by Mozuf Khan Kony & others to recover possession of a village in the Shevagunga Zemindary assumed as ain together with mesne profits for 5 years.
28/12	"	do	Forwarding min: Con: of the 27th Dec. 1844 with a letter from the Court of Directors [illegible]

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Received Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
		enclosure being one from them to the Bombay Govt, of the 27th March 1845 on the rights of alienated villages such as Inam, Jaghir &c to participate in any general measures of improvement that may be extended to the Company's villages. No Inam village shall be surveyed without the consent of the Inamdar farther than taking the exact measurement of its boundaries.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance. 1651
			a view to remove obstructions & to improve the various thoroughfares in the Town of Madura which be undertaken by him in his capacity of Magte, they would not fall under the Cognizance of the Board.
6/3		Secy Bd of Rev	Procgs on the Settlement of the Land Revenue for faslies 1252 and 1253.
10/3	"	do	Stating that as the act complained of by the Petr in No 1440 of 1844 appears to have been performed by the Collr in his Magisterial capacity, the cannot interfere.
17/3	"	do	Comm to him copy of a of Govt directing that the charitable life grant of Rs 77-[illegible]-9 per annum enjoyed by the

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Sent · Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
		Streenivasachary Jemeehdar in No. 59. of his District, to lapse to Govt; from the date of his death.
3 "	Secy. Bd of Rev	Commg to him the authority of Govt, to defend in the first instance at the public expense Suit No. 137 of 1840 instituted in the Sub Court of his Zillah by one Meenatchy Auyee against himself and two others for the recovery of a piece of Ground asserted by her to be her ancestral property but denied by the Pl Collr to be so his proposed answer
	Do	Directing him to advertise again for Sale the Thogamale Zemindary and to purchase it on account of Govt,

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Sent Letters. Board file. Madura Collector's Office.

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Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
3/4	Secy Bd of Rev	Procgs with Min: Con: of the 10th Decr 44 and Letter from the Court of Directors of the 21st August 44 noticing the Settlement of Madura & Shevagunga for fusli 1250 and expressing Satisfaction at the general improvement reported by Mr Blackburne in the condition and resources of the ryots of Shevagunga.
17/4	Do	Directing that the fine of Rs 100 imposed by the Collr upon Palany Appa Moodelly, late Curnom of Cumbum in Thenkurrai been reduced to Rs 50 and that he be reinstated in office from the Commencement of the ensuing fusli.
	Do	Procgs with Min: Con: of the 12th April calling for a Decree

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Sent Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance. 169
			eventually dispossessed
21/4	"	Secy. Bd of Rev	Commd to him the authority of Govt to grant to the Madagan of the Village of Silaymay an equivalent for his maniom land taken to widen the public road.
12/5	"	Do	Procgs with Min: Con: of the 22d April calling for a Statement as per accompanying form is containing the information is required by Govt regard lands regarding the lands held by the Company's Servants in his Dt for farming purposes.
15/5	"	Do	Calling for a brief report on Petition No 170 of 4/5 regarding the Petrs claim to a share in the ambalom mirassy of the

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
			of Rootoor in Shevagunga.
22/5	"	Sec. Bd. of Rev	Forwarding Min: Con: of the 26th April prohibiting the renewal by local officers of any grant whatever such as Jeomeahs &c to heirs on the occurrence of casualties on the ground of hereditary right but directing special report of lapses.
[illegible]	"	Do	Calling for further information on certain points in the matter of a cowle land forming subject of the plaint in O.S. no 16 of 45 against himself & others.
2/6	"	Do	Comm. Endorsement on Petition No 1235 of 44 referring the Petr claiming the Curnomship of a Village in

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Sent Letters. Board file Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
			a Permanently assessed Estate, to a Court of Law.
9/6	"	Secy. Bd. of Rev.	Requesting him to state what lands he would propose to make over to the Nattamgar and Kottagar of Samayanellore in lieu of the portion of their Service maunium represented as unfit for cultivation, also desiring to know whether these parties possess any lands upon which a remission of assessment might be made of an equivalent value to the tax on the 12 9/16 Caw recommended to be exchanged.
26/6	"	do	Stating that the decision of the Panchayet in favour of Malayoor was founded on the fact that the land in dispute was regularly recorded as

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Sent Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
			belonging to Malzoor in the several accounts brought forward by that party and authorising therefore repayment of Rs 193-8-9 being the net revenue from the land in question to the zemindar of Amyanaickanur.
7/7	"	Secy, Bd of Rev	Directing report of the amount for which the Thogamalai is Estate was purchased on account of Govt.
24/7	"	Do	Procs with him: Cons dated 18th July declaring books printed in the United Kingdom or any other British possession free of duty when imported on British bottoms under Act VI of 44.
		Do	Informing him that he is

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Sent Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
			Correct in supposing that succession to Curnomships and other hereditary village offices are not meant to be made matters for special reference under the order of Govt, d/26th April last.
6/8	"	Secy, Bd of Rev	Confirming the decision of the Sl Cltr under Reg VI of 31 against the claims of Petrs in No 170 of 45 to the Cumbolom Nirassy of Pootoor in Shevagunga.
24/8	"	Do	Desiring to be informed if it was before or after the permanent Settlement and with or without the permission of Govt, that the Shevagunga Zemindar alienated Narecoody village to Auvadayar Covil in Tanjore & also of any amount of surplus fund of the village in deposit

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Sent Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
21/8	"	Secy. Bd of Rev	Requesting information on certain points regarding the alienated lands of Chuckaray ammaul in Comaraweedy recommended for Sale for arrears of Revenue.
	"	——Do——	Procgs with Min: Con: of the 25th August and a letter from the Board to Govt, of the 4th August authorising the Pl Collr to defend in the first instance at the public expense Suit No 16 of 45 on the file of the Sub Court against himself and others by one Mootoo Curoopen chetty to establish his right to hold certain lands in the village of Chinnaundy Yendul in Shevagunga at the rate of 3 cullums per each

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Received Letters. Board file Madura Collectors' Office.

Number.	From whom received:	Substance.
		each mah of Munjah land or half the ordinary assessments, and returning the Pl Collrs proposed answer amended.
27/8	Secy, Bd of Rev	Procgs with Min: Con: of the 25th idem, Confirming the purchase on account of Govt, of the Shogamaty for Rs 17,301-8-7
28/8	Do	Forwarding Min: Con: of the 14th August on the Settlement of the Land Revenue for fuslis 1252 and 1253.
1/9	do	Renewing call for information required in paras 2 and 3 of the Boards Procgs of the 26th May regarding the Succession to the Cunnimandy Zemindary and the provision to be made for the widows of the late Proprietor

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Received Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
25/9	"	Secy. Bd. of Rev	Procgs with Min: Con: of the 20th idem prohibiting as objectionable arrangements made by Government officers for giving a father's prior employ to his son on the former's foregoing a pension obtained for services.
Do	"	Do	Register of Petitions for June 65.
29/9	"	Do	Procgs with Min: Con: of the 20th idem and copy of para 3 of their letter to Govt, of the 28 ultimo directing, under the Treaty between Her Majesty & His Highness the Imam of Muscut, treatment in the Ports of Madras of all Ships owned by His Highness' subjects as British Bottoms.
Do	"	Do	Directing submission with translation of any forthcom

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Received Letters. Madura Collectors' [illegible]

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		original Sunnuds of Enam lands or other allowances on all future occasions when resumptions or continuance of such may be recommended, and also to afford some particular information where such Inams have been, originally granted for religious or charitable purposes and when continuance of any personal grants may be recommended
6/10	Secy Bd of Rev	Regret at Mr Blackburne's delaying to ascertain the state of the cultivation from his unfounded impression of the prejudice of the Board and Govt against him for his Considera tion towards ryots; desiring institution of enquiry into the state of wet and dry crops &

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~~Received~~ Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date	Number.	From whom received.	Subsistence
			Submission of its result with suggestion of any measures of relief; referring for principle regulating remissions in years of peculiar adversity to a circular to Collrs of all unsettled districts, dd 13th June 1831 and transmitting copy of their letter to the P Collr of Cuddappah dd 13th Decr 32 on the mode of preparing Statements of Lands of which the crops may have failed for his information and guidance.
9/10	"	Secy B of Rev	Stating in reply to his letter of the 13th ultimo that the Board are of opinion that chuckaray Ammaul should be regarded as sub-tenant to the land alienated by the late Zemindar

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Received Letters. Board file Madura Collectors' Office.

Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
		Comarawaudy for her support and that she should be required to pay the assessment upon it herself and on failure distraint and sale of personal property should be resorted to.
16/10 "	Secy, Bd of Rev	Requesting him to call again on the Sub Collr, to furnish the information regarding the claims which may be made upon Govt on account of the Cunnuwaudy Zemindary and to state in whose posses. the Zemindary is at present and whether ~~they~~ there is any balance of Peishcush outstanding against it.
6/11 "	—do—	Requiring further explanation on certain points regarding maunium land enjoyed by a Brahmin in Cannordyan

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Number.		From whom received.	Substance.
			of Marungapury (not found in the file)
6	"	Secy. to Bd of Rev	Commd to him the authority of Court, for the defence in the first instance at the public expense of the Suit No 42 of 45 instituted in the Sub Court of the Zillah by one Subbramaniam Chitty against himself and Mr Rose the Surveyor for restraining the Collr from removing certain buildings in his occupation and from interfering with his enjoyment of certain ground and a well
10	"	do	Commd Endorsement on Petition No 806 of 45 on the claim of the Petr to be restored to his Nattanmai Mirassy.
13/11	"	do	Informing him that the Board would suggest some amicable

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			arrangement be effected for the adjustment of the difference existing between Palaniappa Moodalier Petr in No 692 of 6 claiming the Curnomship of the Villages of Peroomagoor &c and one Viridachallam who has been in actual possession of it for 26 years.
24/11	"	Secy Bd of Rev	Commg instructions in re to certain questions arising the transfer of an ambalom mirassy recently made by Gm under orders of the Sub Court
27/11	"	do	Calling for opinion on a posed discontinuance of office of Sub Collr and Joint in his District.
8/12	"	do	Procgs with Min: Con: of

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Received Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
		25th Novr and Board's letter to Govt d/ 9th October that the Dominions of H.H. the Nizam of Hyderabad and the Rajahs of Nagore, Travancore and Cochin are Foreign territories and Mysore and Tranquebar must be considered as British possessions.
"	Secy Bd of Rev	Sanctioning increase of Establishment of the Nelacotah Talug amounting to Rs 365-8-0 Consequent on the attachment of the Cunniwandy Zemindary by order of the Court for debts at the expense of the Estate
"	Do	Procgs with Min: Con: of the 6th Decr and Board's Letter to Govt d/ 24th Novr Sanctioning grant of

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18/12	"	Secy. Bd of Rev	Directing to see that no Village office Endowments be misappropriated.

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Revenue Bd Office,
Fort St George,
28th November, 1844.

No. 570.

From

E. C. Lovell Esqe

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,

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To

G. D. Drury Esqe

Chief Secretary to
Government.

Sir,

Revenue Depart. Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the orders of the Most Noble the Governor in Council the
22d October 1844. accompanying letter from the Principal Collector of Madura, requesting sanction for an exchange which was allowed by Mr. Peter in the year 1822 of 12 Goollies of Poonjey waste land assessed at 5 fanams per Goolly for the same quantity of Maniam belonging to the Kamatchee Ummon Covil in the Village of Davadanapetty in that

that District.

2 The land was required to plant Topes on for the benefit of the Pagoda, the Manium land being exposed, by its situation at the foot of a Hill distant 1½ miles from the Village, to incursions of wild Elephants which had once destroyed the Plantation on it. The exchange appears not to have been reported at the time, but the assessment of the Ain land was annually deducted from the Settlement account and that of the Manium credited in lieu of it. The Tope planted on the land being now well grown under the care and at the expense of the institution, the Principal Collector requests the sanction of Government to give validity to the exchange, which the Board

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beg to recommend may be granted.

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
28 November 1844.

(Signed) E. C. Lovell
Acting Secretary.

To
G. D. Drury Esqr.
Chief Secretary to
Government.

No. 1381.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date 30 December 1844.

The Most Noble the Governor in Council sanctions the exchange of land allowed by Mr. Peter in 1822, as recommended in the foregoing letter.

(Signed) T. V. Stonhouse
Acting Secretary to Government

Extract.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd January 1825.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing order of Government and of the Board's letter to which it refers be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Principal Collector of Madura, with reference to his letter dated 22nd October last.

(A true Extract)

J. D. Sounddillon
Secretary

Desp. 14th Jany 1825. – Recd 18th J B
Comp. Acknowledged

Received 29th January 1845 [illegible]

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 11th January, 1845.

Read the following letter

No. 560. R

From

J. R. Davidson Esqre

Offg Secretary to the Government of India.

To

G. D. Drury Esqre

Chief Secretary to the Govt of Fort St George.

Dated the 30th November 1844.

Sir,

Home Department Separate Revd.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1114 dated the 31st Ultimo with original enclosures, and in reply to state for the information of the Most Noble the Governor in Council that

that Bibles and Testaments only are exempted from the payment of duty on importation into Calcutta, but not Tracts and Books of a religious character.—

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Fort William } I have &c.
The 30th November } (Signed) J. R. Davidson
1844. } Offg Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Resolved that the foregoing letter and the one to which it is a reply be communicated for the information and guidance of the Board of Revenue, with reference to the Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1113 dated 31st October 1844.—

(Signed) J. V. Stonhouse
Asst Secretary to Government

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th January 1845

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing order of Government and of the letter from the Government of India to which it refers be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Collectors of the Districts

Madura, &c. named in the margin.—

(A true Extract)

[signature]
Offg. Secretary

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Revenue Department.

To

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The COLLECTOR of

Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information, an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the month of October last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

[signature]

Sub Secretary.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
30th January 1845.

Despd 5 Feb —
Recd 9th [initials]

No.	Names of the Petitioners	Purports of the Petitions	Orders of the Board
1157 of 1844	From Rama Gounden and others Inhabitants of Madura.	Refer to their previous Petition complaining that their Garden had been forcibly & taken from them by order of the Principal Collector, their Fruit Trees destroyed and themselves fined and illtreated. Pray for speedy redress.	Forwarded to the Principal Collector of Madura, with reference to the Board's Endorsement dated 14th June last on Petition No. 678 of 1844. 15th October 1844.

1119 of 1844	From Sangaralingum son of Alagum Tundal Meerassidar of Ambelucky in Iyempully Talook in Madura.	Complains that thro' the contrivance of the Curnum, Petr's Office of Tundel was permanently conferred on a Goomastah whom he had employed to Officiate for him. Prays orders for his restoration to Office.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to dispose of this Petition, noting his orders thereon by Endorsement. 16th October 1844.
1210 of Do.	From Kamala Naicken Zemindar of Ammanaicknoor in the District of Madura.	States that a sum of Rupees 782-7-a said to have been placed in Circar deposit, pending the decision of a disputed Village between Petitioner and the Keelacottah	The Principal Collector of Madura is requested to report on the subject of this Petition by Endorsement. 28th October

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in Petitioner's favor, is refused
to be refunded to him by the
Principal Collector - Prays
orders thereon -

(True Extract)

J W Campbell

Sub Secretary -

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th February 1845.

Read again the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura giving cover to one from his Sub Collector on the subject of the Cullamunthay Mootah.

(Here enter November 16, 1843, No. 147)

Paras. The Proprietor of the two Mootahs of Pulloor and Cullamunthay having petitioned to be allowed to surrender to Government the last named of them, on the ground that it's resources were unequal to the payment of the Paishcush fixed on it; it was ordered by Government

From Pl. Collector July 10, 1839.

November 4, 1839.

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in consequence of the expressed wishes of the Honorable Court of Directors as to cases of this kind, that the Principal Collector of Madura should assume charge of the Moottah, and retain it under management for three years, agreeably to his own proposal, in order to enable him to form a just estimate of its resources. And he was informed that at the end of that term a special report on the estate, and a declaration of his sentiments as to its future disposal, would be expected from him.

From Pl. Collr. Madura, September 16, 1839.

Extract Proceedings Board of Revenue, November 21, 1839, Para 2.

2 Subsequently, in answer to the Board's remarks on the Cullamunthay Estate Mr. Blackburne referred to this arrangement, and stated that he should

To Board July 31, 18[illegible] Para 14

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should not be prepared to give decided opinion as to the resources of the property and the proper amount of Paishcush on it, until he had had it under his charge for the whole of the term which he originally named. The correspondence having attracted the notice of the Honorable Court they requested that the principle laid down by them in the instance of the Pollam of Ediacottah in the Madura District be applied to this Mootah viz. "that of reducing the permanent Paishcush whenever it might be ascertained to exceed the capabilities of the Estate", and as the three years desired by Mr. Blackburne had expired when this Despatch was communicated to

Despatch Augt. 24, 1842, Para 33.
Recd from Govt. 17th Jany 1843.

to the Board, they requested that Gentleman to "furnish a special report on his management of the Cullamunthay Estate at his early convenience."

3 It was in pursuance of this requisition, though under mistake as to its meaning, that Mr. Blackburne transmitted the report from his Sub Collector which accompanied his letter now under notice. This report appears to have been obtained by the Principal Collector from Mr. Elliott, in consequence of a remark by the Board in their review of his Jummabundy report for Fusly 1251; in which, after noticing the affairs of the Mootah, and observing that Mr. Elliott in whose immediate charge

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Sub Collector's Report, 11th August 1842, for Fusly 1251 – Para 15. it was, offered to submit a separate report on it if required, they added, "the Principal Collector will use his discretion in calling for such a

Proceedings 6th February 1843, Para 21. report." Their meaning in making this remark was that Mr. Blackburne might perhaps find Mr. Elliott's report of use in drawing up his own. From his sending up Mr. Elliott's paper, however in reply to the call

February 23, 1843. above noticed, and from their having since received no further report from himself on the subject, the Board are led to suppose that he misunderstood their intention, and imagined that Mr. Elliott's report was required in place of his own.

4 Upwards of five years having now elapsed since the Cullamunthay

Moottah

Moottah was taken under manage-
-ment, the Board resolve now to call
on the Principal Collector to furnish
at his earliest convenience the report
on its resources, which he expected
to be prepared to make after three
years experience. The Board have
reviewed the Correspondence which has
passed on this subject, and the figured
statements which they have received,
and they proceed to record such obser-
-vations and remarks as have occurred
to them in this review, under the
impression that they may perhaps be
useful to Mr. Blackburne in forming
a judgment as to the condition and
resources of the Moottah, and prepar-
-ing his report.

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5 . Mr Elliott appears to have taken three methods of forming an estimate of the value of the Moottah-

1 - a comparison of the Survey assessment of the villages of the Moottah with that of adjoining villages-

2d - a comparison of the Produce of the Moottah villages with the assessment-

3d a comparison of the extent of Enam and of Ayen land under cultivation in the Moottah, as compared with the waste land of each kind respectively-

6 . On the first point Mr. Elliott expresses his opinion that "on the whole the villages in Cullamunthay have the advantage". He has however omitted to compare the soil and fertility of the land in the

Para 7.

the Moottah and in the adjoining vil-
-lages; and without this, the mere
comparison of the assessment is of
but little value.

7. Two Zilladars were employed to ascertain the produce of the lands cultivated in the Moottah in Fusly 1252. But it is not clear that these persons need have been so employed, since it appears that they did no more than receive accounts from the Curnums. This might have been much better done by the Sheristadar's Esta-blishment in the Sub Collector's Office. In whatever way taken however these accounts could not be of much value in a question like the present. Produce returns are more easily and safely falsified than perhaps any other; and it requires proportionate care

Statements No. Para 8.

cure to obtain their accurate- If Mr Elliott had wished to judge of the productiveness of the Moottah lands, he should have attended himself at the cutting, threshing, and measuring of the crop in some fields in different villages- And even then it would have been necessary to prevent its being known beforehand what fields of what villages he would thus try, otherwise various means would have been taken to lessen the quantity of grain even before reaping- With this due precaution the examination of a few fields by a Collector himself affords a far better and more satisfactory criterion of the productiveness of a village, than the Curnums accounts of the whole

whole, or even than the scrutiny of the produce of every field by people of the Collector's establishment.

8 As to the Inam lands it does not appear that any inference important to this enquiry could be drawn from the fact of their more extended cultivation; for Inamdars are not required to maintain the survey rates, and their lands are no doubt cul=tivated by Riots on lower terms in Cullamuuthay, as is known to be the case almost universally elsewhere.

9 It thus appears that the Sub Collector's report furnishes no sufficient data for judging of the resources of the Estate. The Board will look with anxiety for Mr. Blackburne's report, which, it is hoped, will be

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not merely a history of the annual settlements since the Moottah has been under his charge, but will supply a full and accurate account of its former and present circumstances, and of the causes of its decline.

10 On a former occasion the Board requested Mr. Blackburne to obtain accounts of Ayacut cultivation and produce for the last 10 or 12 years. Mr. Blackburne replied that he had satisfied himself that no such accounts had ever been in existence. The Board expressed their surprise at this information, and their belief that the Principal Collector was mistaken, and that accounts of cultivation and collection at least must be extant. The Board

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Proceedings, May 26, 1842, Para 13.

From Pl. Collector, July 31, 1842. Para 15.

Proceedings, ~~January~~ 6, 1843, Para 21.

have not again heard from Mr Blackburne on the subject, but they retain the same opinion - They believe it to be the universal prac=tice under all systems of Revenue that the Curnum shall keep accounts of the lands cultivated, and of the collections there must certainly be a record, made by the Curnum or Motagar, or if not by them, at least by the persons acting on behalf of the Mottadar, or by the Renter - The accounts too on which the Paishcush was originally determined must also be in existence, as remarked by the Board on the same occasion; and these and all other records, explana=tory of the condition of the Estate both when first constituted into a

Mottah

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Moottah, and under the Mootahdar's management, should be compared with its present circumstances, in order to judge of its true resources.

11. There is another point which may here be noticed, viz. the great decrease of cultivation in Fusly 1250 below that of 1249. Mr. Blackburne has at different times offered two different explanations of this circumstance; but neither appears satisfactory to the Board, unaccompanied as they are by any accounts or returns to support them. Mr. Blackburne's attention is again requested to the subject so far as it may affect the question now at issue regarding the resources of the Estate. The Board are

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Cultivation of Fusly 1249	13908-7-11
1250	6728-12-2
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1st July 1841 - Para 14.
Ltr 5th June 1842 - Para 9.
1st July 1842 - Para 15.

are still disposed to suspect that the falling off of cultivation and Revenue subsequently to Fusly 1268 was the result of collusive design. And they think it worthy of enquiry whether Riots have not been with=drawn from the Cullamunthay Mootah to that of Vayloor, so as to extend the cultivation there and thus to augment the resources of the latter property, while those of the former have been made to shew a falling off.

12 The Principal Collectors report will, it is hoped, enable the Board to form a judgment on the question. If a reduction of the Paishcush should appear necessary, though nothing yet before the Board induces them to suppose that it will, they will

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make a recommendation on the subject to Government. If not, it will remain to be considered how far the amount of the difference between the annual settlement and the Paishcush may justly be levied from the Moottahdar; for no such surrender of the Estate has been authorized or accepted as to exempt the proprietor from this demand, as Mr. Blackburne appears to think.

From P.l Collector. June 25, 1842 - Para 6.

It will also remain for consideration whether the Moottahdar shall be permitted to resign Cullamunthay without also giving up Vayloor.

Ordered that Extract of the foregoing Proceedings be forwarded to the Principal Collector of Madura, for his information and guidance.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Offg Secretary

Desp. 19 Feb 1845.
Comp. Ch. Lambert
Recd 22 Feb 1845

regarding the right of a church to a piece of ground. vide collr's reply D/ 25.2.45 No 44

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Revenue Board office,
Fort Saint George,
13th February, 1845. 261
Recd 22nd JB

From

T. Pycroft Esqre
Officiating Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,

To

J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Rev. Depart

No 440 of 1845.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward to you the accompanying Petition from Pundara Nadan residing in the Cusbah of Madura, and to request that you will be pleased to report briefly on the circumstances of the case therein complained of, for the Board's information.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most obed. Servant.

T Pycroft.
Offg Secretary.

Rev Board office,
Fort Saint George,
13th February, 1845.
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To
J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Comp. T. Lambert

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No. 254.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 22d February 1845.

Read the following.

Separate. Rl. Public Department.

No. 269.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 8th February 1845.

Read the following letter from the Subordinate Judge of Calicut.

No. 1.

From

T. L. Strange Esqre.

Sub Judge of Calicut.

To

T. V. Stonhouse Esqre.

Acting Secretary to Government.

Public Department.

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the

the Certificate called for in the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 21st Ultimo.—

2. I beg to explain that the individual therein mentioned was known first by the designation applied to him in his youth and subsequently by his real name—the instances being frequent in this Province of persons thus bearing two names, and that as no acquittance Rolls appear previously to the year 1829 the detailed lists of Establishment have been referred to for the antecedent years.—

Sub Court,
Calicut,
13th January 1845.

I have &ca
(Signed) T. L. Strange
Sub Judge.—

3 The Government had, on a former occasion, noticed a practice which prevailed in Tanjore similar to the

Minutes of Consultation in the Rev. Department dated 5th April 1839 No. 451.

the one adverted to by the Subordinate Judge, and intimated that pensions paid to the same individuals in other than their real names or in different names would not in future receive the sanction of Government. The practice of parties being borne on Public Establishments, and drawing their salaries in the same manner, appears to His Lordship in Council to be equally objectionable and open to abuse, and he therefore directs that it be strictly prohibited in every district wherein it now prevails. —

3 Ordered, that this resolution be communicated to the several Depart-ments of the Secretariat, in view to the necessary instructions being issued to the local authorities; and also, to the Accountant General and Civil Auditor,

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Auditor, for their guidance respectively.

(A true Extract & Copy)

(Signed) I. F. Thomas

Chief Secretary

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be communicated for the information and guidance of the Board of Revenue and Court of Sudr and Foujdaree Udalut.

(Signed) J. V. Stonhouse

Secretary to Govt.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th February 1845.

Ordered to be communicated for the information and guidance of all the Collectors and Government Agents.

(A true Extract)

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Secretary

Despd. 11th March 1845.

Compd. [illegible]

Recd 8th March 1845 JB

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Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th February 1845.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 8th February 1845.

Ri. (Here enter No. 32)

From the explanation afforded in the letter above recorded it does not appear that Mr. Blackburne has as yet interfered with the occupancy of the spot of ground referred to by the Petitioner. The Board further observe that any measures which may be adopted by that Gentleman with a view to remove obstructions and to improve the various thoroughfares in the Town of Madura must

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must be undertaken by him in his capacity of Magistrate and not of Principal Collector and therefore would not fall under the cognizance of this office. If Petitioner feel aggrieved by any act done by Mr. Blackburne as Magistrate he must seek redress in the mode prescribed by the Regulations but the Board cannot entertain his complaint.

(A true Extract)

J. Ryan

Secretary

Dated 4th March 1845
Compd. Schambert
Recd 8th JB

Received 30th March 1845 JB 58 126

Revenue Department.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th March 1845.

Read again the following letters from the Principal Collector of Madura.

(December 1. 1843, No. 150)

(November 12. 1844 No. 187)

Para 1 The former of these papers is no more than a formal letter forwarding the Report on the Revenues of the District for Fusly 1252; A.D. 1842-43 drawn up by the Sub Collector Mr Elliott, agreeably to the permission of the Board of Revenue, as that Gentleman had conducted the Settlement of that year. Having been prevented by other demands on their attention from reviewing this report at

to Pl. Collr. Augt. 14. 1843.

at an earlier date, the Board resolve now to consider it in conjunction with the report for Fusly 1253 (A.D. 1843-44), which is the second of the two papers recorded above, for the sake both of expedition and of more immediate comparison.

2 In both the years under review the season is stated to have been unfavorable to the cultivation of the dry lands. In Fusly 1252 (A.D. 1842-43) the rains were very late; though the time of their commencement is not specified. In Fusly 1253 (A.D. 1843-44) there was no rain till the end of September; and this was too late to be seasonable for dry cultivation, the proper time for which is the month of August. In consequence of this

Sub Collr's Repo[rt] Novr. 15. 1843, [&c]
From Pl. Coll[r].
1st Decr. 1843

Pl. Collr's Repor[t]
12th Novr. 1844

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this failure of timely rains, the Poonjah cultivation of Fusly 1252 / A.D. 1842-43 was 24267 Rupees below that of Fusly 1251 / A.D. 1841-42; and in Fusly 1253 / A.D. 1843-44 there was a further falling off to the amount of 47437 Rupees.

3 For Nunjah or wet cultivation the season was favorable in both years. In Fusly 1252 / A.D. 1842-43 the rains were abundant, and the cultivation was nearly the same as that of the preceding Fusly, which is stated to have been better than an average year. In Fusly 1253 / A.D. 1843-44 the rains were abundant from the latter end of September to the middle of October; and again in the early part of December there was very heavy rain, so as to produce damage both to Tanks and Roads,

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Sub Collr's Report, Para 8.

Statement in P. 19.

Collr's Report, Para 2

and the rivers also were extremely well filled. But in consequence of the intermediate failure of rain in November, the Nunjah cultivation was less by the sum of 23,545 Rupees than that of Fusly 1252 (A.D. 1842-43). Both years appear to have been against Nunjah garden cultivation, which was lower in Fusly 1252 (A.D. 1842-43) than in Fusly 1251 (A.D. 1841-42), and lower still in Fusly 1253 (A.D. 1843-44).

4 The Sub Collector is totally silent on the important subject of the price of Grain during the year on which he reports; and the Principal Collector merely says that Prices were lower in Fusly 1253 (A.D. 1843-44) than in Fusly 1252 (A.D. 1842-43), without stating how they stood in either

either year. The welfare of the Ryot, and his means to satisfy the demands of Government depend in a great measure on the price that he can get for his produce; and a detail of the state of the grain market should form a part of every land Revenue Report. Mr Blackburne is requested to attend to this in future years.

5 Subjoined is a Statement shewing in comparison the Settlement of the Revenue for $\frac{\text{Fuslies}}{\text{AD}}$ $\frac{1251}{1841\text{-}42}$ - $\frac{1252}{1842\text{-}43}$, and $\frac{1253}{1843\text{-}44}$, the different species of cultivation, and the ready money collections, being severally compared, as well as the various items of deduction - Both the Reports under review

review contain similar comparative Statements, but as the two have been drawn up on ~~a~~ different plans, it is not easy to compare them. It is desirable that the forms of such Statements should be the same every year, unless some decided improvement may be effected by a change.

In the annexed Statement the Revenue of Cunnivady has been omitted in Fusly 1252 (A.D. 1842-43), for the sake of comparison with Fusly 1253 (A.D. 1843-44), in the early part of which year that Mootah was given up to the Proprietor. The Board have no account of the separate out turn of the Estate for Fusly 1251 (A.D. 1841-42).

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The same omission is properly made in the Statement given in para 6 of the Principal Collector's Report for Fusly 1253, A.D 1843-44 but Statement 5 which accompanies that Report is erroneous through: out, from the neglect to omit the Cunnimady Revenue in the same manner –

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1	Including Cummiwat: Settlement of Fusly 1251 (2)	Including Cummiwat: Settlement Fusly 1252 (3)	Excluding Cummiwary: Settlement of Fusly 1252 (4)	Excluding Cummiwary: Settlement of Fusly 1253 (5)	Comparison of Col: 2 & 3: Increase (6)	Comparison of Col: 2 & 3: Decrease (7)	Comparison of Col: 4 & 5: Increase (8)	Comparison of Col: 4 & 5: Decrease (9)
	Rs a p	Rs a	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p
Poonjah — Ket or Fields	615395 6 „	591128 1	553816 10 10	506379 „ 3	„ „ „	24267 5 „	„ „ „	47437 10 7
Poonjah — Baghayet or Garden	75946 11 5	79879 13	72084 8 11	72646 8 9	3932 2 2	„ „ „	561 15 10	„ „ „
Poonjah — Total	691342 1 5	671006 14	625901 3 9	579025 9 „	„ „ „	20335 2 10	„ „ „	46875 10 9
Nunjah — Paddy Fields	476671 14 5	478137 „	465869 4 7	449220 6 5	1465 1 11	„ „ „	„ „ „	16648 14 2
Nunjah — Nunjah Mail Poonjah	17665 12 11	15714 6	15690 9 1	11407 6 1	„ „ „	1951 6 2	„ „ „	4283 3 „
Nunjah — Warapiyre	24730 11 3	24085 „	23551 15 8	21466 8 2	„ „ „	645 10 4	„ „ „	2085 7 6
Nunjah — Poonjah converted into Nunjah	1923 „ 2	2283 6	2257 4 9	1730 4 10	360 6 „	„ „ „	„ „ „	526 15 11
Total Nunjah	520991 6 9	520219 14	507369 2 1	483824 9 6	„ „ „	771 8 7	„ „ „	23544 8 7
Total Nunjah and Poonjah	1212333 8 2	1191226 12	1133270 5 10	1062850 2 6	„ „ „	21106 11 5	„ „ „	70420 3 4
Deductions.								
Shavy	2623 4 11	10869 7	10869 7 9	5493 10 6	8246 2 10	„ „ „	„ „ „	5375 13 3
Land covered with Water	1459 9 3	473 5	473 5 9	846 3 9	„ „ „	986 3 6	372 14 „	„ „ „
Reduced assessment on account of Sugar Cane Cultivation	1356 1 5	1133 7	1133 7 7	1088 2 8	„ „ „	222 9 10	„ „ „	45 5 6
Coole Remission on Poonjah and Nunjah	1731 9 3	846 2	824 11 3	1024 5 8	„ „ „	885 6 5	199 10 5	„ „ „
Moonasib Cunnee	92584 5 3	91427 8	82056 4 10	44024 15 7	„ „ „	1156 12 9	„ „ „	38031 5 3
Beetle Gardens &c. perished	597 „ „	381 4	381 4 10	482 4 10	„ „ „	215 11 2	101 „ „	„ „ „
¼ Remission to Bramins	1709 14 7	1327 2	1327 2 7	993 14 10	„ „ „	382 12 „	„ „ „	333 3 9
Village servants wages	23 13 3	27 11	27 11 „	26 2 8	3 13 9	„ „ „	„ „ „	1 8 4
Reduced Tax for Nunjah land Cultivated with Poonjah	5415 11 4	4931 1	4534 1 8	3741 6 2	„ „ „	484 10 1	„ „ „	792 11 6
Waste land	71 „ 7	73 13	62 11 „	231 11 7	2 13 „	„ „ „	169 „ 7	„ „ „
Mr. Harris's Remission	34026 2 1	33140 „	29851 10 6	29288 8 1	„ „ „	886 1 5	„ „ „	563 2 5
Land taken for Houses	„ „ „	1 14	1 14 11	„ „ „	1 14 11	„ „ „	„ „ „	1 14 11
Total Deduction	141598 7 11	144633 1	131543 13 9	87241 5 9	3034 9 4	„ „ „	„ „ „	44302 7 11
Net Settlement of Land Revenue	1070735 „ 3	1046593 11	1001726 8 2	975608 12 9	„ „ „	24141 4 9	„ „ „	26117 11 5
Ready Money Collections	51339 13 1	54245 15	50369 8 3	51046 13 3	2906 2 5	„ „ „	677 5 „	„ „ „
Total Land Revenue including ready Money Collections	1122074 13 4	1100839 11	1052096 „ 5	1026655 10 „	„ „ „	21235 2 4	„ „ „	25440 6 5
Deduct Swastanum &c.	23123 15 6	22588 13	17714 7 11	17009 1 „	„ „ „	535 1 9	„ „ „	705 6 11
Net Settlement	1098950 10 10	1078250 13	1034381 8 6	1009646 9 „	„ „ „	20700 „ 7	„ „ „	24734 15 6

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6 In the 2d Section of Para 19 of the report on Fusly 1252 / AD 1842-43 Mr Elliott notices the diversity of practice existing in the two divisions of the District, with respect to the conversion of Poonjah land into Garden. In Dindigul such conversion is only made by means of water provided by the Ryot himself, and the land is thenceforth classed as Baghayet. In Madura Division, water from Government sources, or from private sources, is indifferently used; and as the land still remains in the Poonjah class, the Ryot may at his pleasure revert to Poonjah Cultivation, and so avoid the "Teervahjastee", without, as it appears, any adequate check on his still availing himself of the means of irrigation. The exaction of the same tax on improved

cultivation

cultivation effected at the cost of Government, and at individual cost, is certainly objectionable; as being a strong discouragement to improvement. But as the Board have recently laid before Government their views as to the participation of Government in the profits procured by the outlay of private capital on land as a general question, they will express no opinion on this subject at present, pending the receipt of the orders of Government. They desire however to direct the attention of the Principal Collector to the subject, and would be glad to have from him more detailed information

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as to the present practice and its effects in each Division of his District. It is observed too in Statement 1 for Fusly 1253 Col: 109 and 110, that some A.D. 1843-44 wells dug at the expense of Ryots in the Madura Division, were charged with additional tax, while some were not; the reason of this should be explained. Mr. Blackburne is also requested to afford the same detailed information regarding the practice noticed in Section 3 of the same Para. Viz: that in the Madura Division the Ryots are allowed at pleasure to convert Nunjah into Poonjah, paying

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a Medium tax.

7 With reference to Mr Elliott's remarks on "Dittum Turse," the Board observe that they regard it as a just and proper rule, that a Ryot may relinquish land at pleasure, provided he gives up good and bad together. The object of the Dittum or Kaboolieant is not to compel Ryots to take or retain more land than they want; but to give the Revenue servants an opportunity of taking care that land is not idly kept waste by one Ryot, when others are able and willing to cultivate it. This has been more fully explained in the

the Board's Proceedings on the Settlement Para 28.
of Fusly 1251. It is by no means the wish
A D 1841-42
of the Board to encourage the practice
apparently referred to } by Mr Elliott
when speaking of "Potapote Turse"
That system of encouraging Ryots to Section 11. Para 19.
offer for land in the possession of
each other, is one of very evil tendency.
It causes much jealousy and ill feeling
between neighbours, and is often
indeed resorted to as a means of
injury or annoyance where enmity
exists; while it is productive of little
gain to Government because land so
tendered for is often uncultivated, and
is permitted at the Summabundy.
The Cabooleaut system does not
encourage

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encourage these "Potapote" Durghasts,
but tends to check them. For, lands
tendered for any included in the
Dittum should as a general rule be
brought to the Jummа, although waste,
unless some circumstances of Season
unknown or unexpected at the date
of the Dittum, prevented their culti-
-vation. The observance of this rule
would be effectually prevent such
evasions as that detailed in Para 6
of the Sub Collector's letter to the
Principal Collector dated October 28
1844 – It is not on the other hand
the desire of the Board to require a
rigid enforcement of the Cabooliant
principle

Vide Enclos: B of the Pl Collr's Report.

principle above stated, so as to prevent a Ryot from laying a field fallow for a year; they aim only at preventing a practice of which Ryots generally are very fond, Viz^t. of retaining a large extent of land in their nominal holding or "Kissut," of which they have means to cultivate no more than a small part.

8 The instructions of the Board as to the levy of Grass tax on the land occupied for grazing purposes, in the Ramgherry Zemindary in Moroon-gapoory Talook, were acted on in the two years under review. The aggregate tax amounted in Fusly 1252 (AD 1842-43) to Rs a P 460-2-8 and in Fusly 1253 (AD 1843-44) to Rs a P 465-12-5. This is far

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far less than the amount which the Principal Collector's report held out reason to expect. Mr Blackburne there stated the extent of land enclosed and privately occupied by the principal inhabitants for pasturage and for hay, to be 24,012 Cawnies; and that of the land occupied in common by the Ryots at large, for the same objects, to be 20,918 Cawnies; and he stated that at 1/4 of the Tirwa Assessment the tax would amount to 10,221 Rupees. The Board empowered him to levy a tax at that rate on all the land privately occupied, and on that used in Common, from all such common occupiers,

occupiers, except those belonging to the Villages respectively in which the land was situated.

Considering the large[*] profits realized by the Ryots on these lands, especially on those privately occupied, the tax is extremely light; and it is impossible that the imposition of it should have made the lands unprofitable. The reason, then, why the revenue derived is so small, must be either that the lands are abandoned for a time, in the hope thus to obtain a remission of the tax; or that only a small part of the land occupied is brought to account

[*] Pl. Collr's Report, 20th June 1842 - Para 9

account by the Curnums. The Board
think there is reason to suspect
that this latter is the chief cause;
and they resolve to request Mr.
Blackburne's attention to the subject,
with the view of securing more
accurate accounts in future years.
It may perhaps be expedient for
Mr. Blackburne to carry into
effect his former proposal so far
as to remove temporarily the
most contumacious Nattangars,
and nominate Moniegars in their
room. The Board are not informed
whether the levy of grass tax has
been extended also to Veeramalay,
Thogamalay, and Comararaudy as was
authorized

authorized by them.

10 The items of deductions from the Summa of demand are generally such as are customary; and there are only a few which need remark here. Report Fusly 1250 Para 39. Report Fusly 1252 Para 6.

11 The remission for Nunjah Crops destroyed by deficiency of water in Fusly 1252 / 1842-43 was much larger than the Board would have anticipated from the character given of the season; and an examination of Mr Elliott's report and statement shews that the largeness of the amount was owing to the admission of claims to remission which are not properly allowable. Mr Elliott gave remission on Shavy actually present when examined by the Officers deputed for the Scrutiny, under the limitation that when the Shavy was under 10 per Cent of the Ryot's Puttah no Para 8 Sec: 1.

no remission was allowed - The Board would not object to these remissions, though the 4th of the items as shewn in the Statement is not Shavy, or properly remittable in ordinary years. Mr Elliott's remissions amounted to the sum of Rupees 7,300 - 2 -

In addition to the foregoing Mr Blackburne allowed further remissions after his restoration to office, on some other items - Viz^t

1 Shavy fed away by Cattle,

2 Do reaped for the sake of the Straw,

3 Do not present for examination,

4 Crops destroyed, not by want of water, but from the unhealthiness of the soil.

The admission of the first three of these species has been found productive of so much fraud and imposition, that it has been made a

a universal rule, with the Board's sanction, that no remission shall be allowed on Shavy not actually present for examination; and this is no hardship on the Ryot, for where there really is Shavy it is not matter of difficulty to preserve it till the Government Officer comes to inspect it. The fourth item is the same that the Board have noticed above as not justly to be considered Shavy; but it appears that what was remitted by Mr. Blackburne under this head, was also not present for examination. The remission of Shavy on two crop land where one crop has been reaped, and one perished, has repeatedly been condemned by the Board; it does

does not appear from Mr. Elliott's report whether this item was allowed by himself or by the Principal Collector. The subject of Shroy in Madura has been often under the consideration of the Board and Government, and Mr. Blackburne has been repeatedly informed, in reply to his frequent recommendations for more liberal treatment of claims to such remission, that the Government adhered to the principles laid down by them in 1825. Notwithstanding these reiterated instructions Mr. Blackburne appears to have disregarded the rules expressly pointed out for his guidance. His total silence as to the particulars of his Shroy remissions in Fusly 1253 / A.D. 1843-44 leaves the Board in darkness as to the rules which he followed. The rule as to the

letters from Bd. to ... July 29. 1844 ... 24, and the ...edings there ...riginally referred to ... also Madura ...missioner's Report ... 10. 1843, Para 16 to 25.

... Govt. 17th July 1843.

...der of Govt. ...rch 4. 1825.

the non allowance of remission for Shavy under 10 per Cent of the Ryots' Beriz does not appear to be properly acted on in Madura; for it is stated to be the Custom to remit the whole Shavy where it exceeds 10 per Cent of the Beriz instead of only remitting all above 10 per Cent. Referring to an observation of Mr Elliotts, the Board observe that, in calculating the Centage in such cases, the total holding of the Ryot should be taken, and not merely his Puttah in the Village where the Shavy exists.

Sub Collr's Repo for 1253, Para 14 Sec. From the Pl Col 14th Sepr 1844.

Report for 12.. Para 14 secn

Report for Fusl 1252. Para 20 Secn

12 It has been ordered by the Board in giving effect to the directions of the Honble the Court of Directors that single Crop Nunjah

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land when planted with Sugar Cane, should be charged with an additional 80 per Cent on its single Crop assess:ment; and in their Proceedings on the Report of July 1251 / A.D 1841-42 the Board noticed that this additional Tax had not been imposed, and called for explanation on the subject. This explanation has not yet been afforded, and it appears that the Boards orders are still dis:regarded, and no more than the single crop Teerwah levied. The Board resolve therefore to call on Mr Blackburne a second time, to explain his apparent neglect of the orders he has received. If the Principal Collector has still any thing to offer regarding the proportion of the additional assess:ment to the single Crop teerwah, he is

[Margin: ...76. 1843. P.18 & 19.]

[Margin: ...n Statements marked ... in both years.]

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is requested to state it for the Board's consideration.

13 The Board resolve also to request Mr. Blackburne's attention to Mr. Elliott's remarks in section 11 of the 20th Paragraph of his report on Fusly 1252. A.D. 1842-43

From what is there said it appears that the unauthorized remission Styled "Form Kummy" exists in other instances besides those on which the final orders of the Board for its abolition have been passed. Proceedings Jany 23. 1843.

It is further stated that this remission is in some cases allowed on the Quit rent or Poroopoo leviable on Enam lands; and this is corroborated by a comparison of Columns 40 and 56 of Statement No. 16 as well as Columns from 12 to 16 in Statement 9 for Fusly 1252. A.D. 1842.43

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This latter Statement for Fusly 1253
A.D. 1843-44
is altered so as not to shew this cir-
-cumstance, a change which ought
not to have been made. The remission
having been condemned in the case
of Ayen lands, there cannot certainly
be any reason for allowing it on
Enam lands; the Principal Collector
is requested to ascertain in what
instances remission of this nature
made by Mr. Peter still exists.
and unless peculiar circumstances
should be found, appearing to him to entitle
such cases to exemption from the orders
passed by the Board in the cases
formerly brought to their notice, he
will be pleased to disallow the
remission in the current year, and
henceforward

Proceedings Jany. 23. 1843.

henceforward. If in any instances such peculiar circumstances exist he will make such cases the subject of a special report.

14 The following Statement shows in comparison the Land Revenue of the District as ultimately settled, for Fuslees 1251 - 1252 - and 1253. The Revenue
A.D. 1841-42 1842-43 1843-44
of the Palany Hills being in each year placed under the Ryotwary head, for the purpose of Comparison.

	Amount in Fusly 1251			Amount in Fusly 1252			Amount in Fusly 1253		
	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p
Zemindaries	7,21,515	4	"	7,21,515	4	"	7,59,655	2	2
Ryotwary including Palany Hills &c.	10,98,950	13	10	10,78,250	13	3	10,09,646	9	"
Total	18,20,466	1	10	17,99,766	1	3	17,69,301	11	2

Of the Settlement of Fusly 1252 the
A.D. 1842-43
sum of Rs 17,19,483 : a 1 : p 11 was collected by the end of July 1843, leaving a balance

Rs a p
balance of 80,282 - 15 - 4. This was reduced
Rs a
at the date of the report to 13,537-11-
Rs a p
of which 2,082 - 11 - 6 was due by the
Ryots of the Palany Hills. This
latter arrear appears to be still outstanding
the other balance on the land
Revenue of Fusly 1252 / AD 1842-43 amounted at
the date of the Report on Fusly 1253 / AD 1843-44
Rs a p
to 1,038 - 13 - 1. The whole of this, with
the exception of one pice is due on
the lands alluded to in the foregoing
Para, the assessment on which, having
been improperly reduced by Mr Peter,
has been restored under the Board's orders
to its original standard. The amount
was contumaciously withheld, and
the Board were ultimately obliged
to authorize the sale of land for the
arrear

arrear, which has probably been realized before this. It is not known why the one Pice balance in Todicumbo Talook is shewn in the Accounts.

15 Out of the Settlement of Fusly 1253 (A.D. 1843-44) Rs 16,88,082 - 3 - 1 was realized within the Fusly year, leaving a balance of Rs 81,219 - 8 - 1; this was reduced by the 31st October to Rs 34,464 - 8 - 3. At the date of the last Collection and balance report dated December 31, 1844, this balance was diminished to Rs 7,182 - 6 - 10. It does not appear whether any portion of this sum is due for the reimposed "Foru Kummy". If it is, the Principal Collector should take measures for the immediate realization of that part of the arrear, proceeding

proceeding if necessary even to the sale of property; for there is no reason to believe that the withholding of payment is any thing but contumacious.

16 The arrear due by the Hill Ryots demands more extended notice. The Villages on the Palany Hills were formerly rented; usually, of late years, each to its Manandy or Headman. The renter collected certain Taxes from the Ryots, which are fixed by long custom as in most other Hill tracts; but he paid to the state only the amount of his rent, which was probably always very moderate from the absence of competition. In 1842 Mr Blackburne signified his intention to abandon this system and

Sub Collr's Report for July 1251. Para 33.
From Pl. Collr. 11th Augt. 1842.

Augt. 1842 - Para 5.

and introduce a Ryotwar Settlement; and this proposition was noticed with approval by Government. Minutes of Con. Dec.r 20. 1842. Par

17 The formation of a Ryotwar Settlement was entrusted by the Principal Collector to his Sub Collector, in whose charge the Palany Hills are comprised. And Mr Elliott effected Sub Coll.rs repor Nov.r 15. 1843. Paro 22 &c. that object, as it appears, by measuring the land under cultivation and assessing upon it at so much per Goontah the amount of the Taxes payable under the old system. and he expressly states that the old rates of payment have not been exceeded in the conversion. The assessment is not fixed permanently on the land, but made to vary

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from year to year with the species of produce grown in it. The new Settlement was carried into effect in Fusly 1252 / AD 1842-43 and continued in Fusly 1253 / AD 1843-44. The net amount in each year, deducting the charges of Collection (which consist of a Commission on the Beriz paid to the Village officers) is shewn in the Margin, in conjunction with the rented amount for the preceding five Fuslies; of the Settlement for Fusly / AD 1252 / 1842-43 only Rs 3,471-2-1 was realized, and of that for Fusly 1253 / AD 1843-44 no more than Rs 370-15-4; leaving a balance of Rs 2,082-11-[illegible] on the former year, and Rs 5,506-5-" on the latter.

Fusly	Rs	a	p	
1247	2973	12	"	Rented
1248	3,283	12	"	Rented
1249	3283	12	"	Rented
1250	3378	"	"	Rented
1251	3398	"	"	Rented
1252	5553	13	7	Ryotwar
1253	5877	4	4	Ryotwar

18. The Board regret that the new Settlement made by Mr Elliot

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was put in force without being previously submitted for their approval. In authorizing the introduction of a Ryotwar system, it was not their intention that any change should be made in the form of the taxes demandable, by Custom, from the Ryots; but only that they should pay those taxes directly to the officers of Government, instead of to a Renter. They would have thought it injudicious at the first change of the system, before the Ryots had become somewhat habituated to transacting business immediately with the officers of Government, and while those officers had but little acquaintance with the usages and prejudices of the Hill people, to

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introduce at once so radical a change as Mr Elliott has made.

19. The Board have no hesitation as to the superiority of the Ryotwar over the Renting system in such cases as the present. They have known good effects follow the change from Rent to Ryotwary in the management of Hill tracts in other districts; and they think it desirable in all such cases to remove the Renter from the intermediate position which he holds - a change, which both improves the Revenue of the State, and elevates the condition of the people. Nor on the other hand do they mean to say that the rates of assessment introduced by Mr Elliott

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e too high. He himself declares that the
commutation made no increase in
the demand; and the principles
n which it was based appear to have
been approved by the Principal Col=
lector.* But they consider the conversion
f the old taxes into a land tax to
be injudicious at least at present;
and they could not sanction a set=
tlement, or direct the realization of
taxes imposable under it, without
having previously had an opportunity
f testing its justice, by an examina=
tion of the accounts and calculations
n which it was based.

20 Had the taxes fixed by Mr
Elliott's settlement been paid without
demur by the Ryots, for the two years
which it was in force, it would not

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*Sub Collector to Principal Collector October 28. 1844. P. 17, in Enclos. B. Report for Fusly

have been necessary to look to the past but only to the future; and it would have been sufficient to suspend the operation of the settlement pending its examination and confirmation. But as a large arrear exists for those years, and the Board, for the reason stated above, are precluded from directing its realization, it becomes necessary to adopt another course; and the best course seems to be to revert, in the case of the defaulters, to the customary taxes. To do this it will be necessary to calculate the amount payable by each defaulter according to the old system of taxation; and then, deducting from such demand the sums already paid by the individual, to exhibit the

the remainder as a balance. Mr Elliott should immediately summon the Curnums and Kotagars to his Cut-chery, in the same way as for the Jummabunds, and if necessary the Ryots and Manandies also; and the individual balances may then be determined in the mode above prescribed, without difficulty or any great delay.

21. Having thus ascertained the amount due by each Ryot, Mr Elliott should proceed at once to realize it by the means provided by the Regulations. And in particular if he should find on examination, that any sums have been received from the Ryots by the Manandies,

Manandies, and withheld by them, as he supposes to be the case to a large amount, he should rigidly exact these sums from the latter. It may also be found necessary to proceed as recommended by Mr Elliott, to remove the Manandies, or the most contumacious of them, and nominate Monigars in their room.

22 After the foregoing expression of the Boards opinion, it is perhaps hardly necessary to direct that for the current Fusly, and henceforward until orders to the contrary, the revenue of the Palany Hills shall be settled Ryotwar, according to the antient customary taxes. The Village officers should be paid by a

Commission

Commission on the Revenue of their Villages respectively, at rates to be settled for the time by the Principal Collector. His annual Report for Fusly 1254 (A.D. 1844.45) should contain an explanation of the various items of Revenue in these Villages; and a detail of the arrangements made for its collection. Should Mr Blackburne be disposed to recommend any change of system, either of the nature of that introduced by Mr Elliott or any other, the Board will be prepared to give due consideration to whatever information and suggestions he may have to offer with that view.

23 The Board cannot quit the subject of the Hill Settlement and

balance

balance without noticing the course pursued by Mr. Blackburne as connected with it. The New Settlement, as already noticed, was formed by Mr. Elliott on principles which appear to have been approved by the Principal Collector, and was carried into effect by him during Mr. Blackburne's suspension. Mr. Elliott experienced difficulty in realizing the demand, and Mr. Blackburne gave him no assistance but rather increased his difficulties. For he neither left Mr. Elliott to act on his own responsibility in collecting the Revenue; nor took any decided measures to test the justice of the new settlement, regarding which he expressed doubts. And an examination of the small part[*] before them

Sub Collector to Pl. Collr. Octr. 28. 1844 Para 17 in Enclos B in Report for Fusly 1253.

[*] Enclos B in the Rept. for Fusly 1253.

them, of the very voluminous correspond-
ence Tamil and English which appears
to have passed between the Principal
Collector and his Subordinate on
this subject, induces the Board to
believe that the heavy balance due on
the Hill Settlement for Fusly 1253 is
A.D. 1843.44
in some degree ascribable to Mr.
Blackburne's proceedings. In sub-
mitting to Government the papers
now under review, the Board desire
particularly to request the attention
of His Lordship in Council to this
correspondence. As they are of opinion
that the interests of Government
must suffer in a district where,
in place of the cordiality and
confidence which ought to be
maintained between the Head

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of a department and his immediate subordinate, the state of feeling is such as appears from the tone and character of these letters, to exist between the Principal Collector and Sub Collector of Madura. The Board would especially point the attention of the Most Noble the Governor in Council to Mr Blackburne's letter of September 28.—

24. The Board have reserved for this part of their proceedings some remarks which they have to make on the accounts and statements received with the reports under notice; and as the object of these remarks is the avoidance in future years of the mistakes noticed in the mode of preparing them, these observations

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will be restricted chiefly to the accounts of Fusly 1253 / A.D. 1843.44

25. Statement No. 1 is the statistical return of population &c. In their proceedings on the Report of Fusly 1251 / A.D. 1841.42 the Board desired that persons of all ages should be included. The Sub Collector however states that he has omitted all children under three years of age. the Board request that hereafter their orders may be literally obeyed, and that all ages may be included.-

Feby 6 1843. Para 25.

Report for Fusly 1252 Para 6.

26. Statements 2, 3, 4, and 6 contain the same errors that were pointed out in those of Fusly 1251 / A.D. ~~1841.42~~ arising from the various descriptions being entered not according to their

entry

entry in the Survey accounts, but as they are found at present after transfer from dry to wet or Garden, &c. With regard to these errors it is only necessary to request the Principal Collector's attention to the Board's remarks in their Proceedings on $\frac{\text{Fusly 1251}}{\text{A.D. 1841.42}}$. In No. 6 for $\frac{\text{Fusly 1252}}{\text{A.D. 1842.43}}$ Mr. Elliott enters long remarks as to the difficulty of preparing these statements in the manner required by the Board. His chief objection is that it would involve the labour of examining the annual accounts for forty years back. This is not the case, it is only necessary to refer to the Survey accounts, and ascertain the class in which the land is there entered, and compare that with its present class. Mr. Blackburne subsequently made

a special application to know how the accounts for Fusly 1253 (A.D. 1843.44) were to be drawn up, he was informed that the Board's instructions above referred to were to be acted on. The reason that this was not done in Fusly 1253 (A.D. 1843-44) may be that the Board's reply[+] to this effect was received too late, but they hope that the statements will be correctly drawn up for the current Fusly 1254. (A.D. 1844.45) If in any villages the survey accounts are lost, and cannot be found after every endeavour, the lands of such villages must be entered according to the present system, and that fact should be stated in the Column of "Remarks"

[+] May 30. 1844

27 It is further observed in Statement 2 that the Ayacut entries do not correspond in Fuslies 1252 and 1253. (A.D. 1842-43 and 1843-44)

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such error in the particulars, is owing in part to the transfer of lands from one description to another, as pointed out in the foregoing paragraph, but the non coincidence of the totals requires explanation. In Dindigul division this may perhaps be ascribable to the transfer of Cunnivandy Mootah to the Zemindary Head; but no cause is apparent for the discrepancy observable in the Madura Division – The Board will be glad also to learn whether the villagewar statement corresponding to No 2, ordered to be drawn up for deposit in the Principal Collector's Cutcherry, is regularly prepared.

28 In Statements 3 and 4 the entry of the Dittum or Caboolianit is

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not correctly made. The proper way to obtain the amount to be entered in the Dittum Columns, is to add to the land agreed for by the Ryots at the time of the dittum, the other land cultivated besides that so agreed for. It can then be seen at a glance, by comparison with other Columns, whether the whole of the dittum land has been cultivated, or how much of it is waste. In statement 4 it is observed that the total of Columns 300 and 325 does not coincide, as it ought, with Column 296; this should be explained and corrected in future years.-

29. Mr. Blackburne has omitted to forward a Statement according to No. 15 of the forms sent him, on the ground that as the Polany Hills have been brought under a

Ryotwar

Ryotwar Settlement, it has ceased to be necessary. The particulars of the Settlement however are not shown in any other of the returns, and this therefore should still continue to be furnished; other columns being added to the form, to show the different items of the Revenue.

30 With the report for Fusly 1253 (A.D. 1843-44) Mr Blackburne forwarded a Village Chittah from the Dindigul division, but none from the Madura division; in future one should be sent from each division as was previously done. The Board regret to observe that some important particulars have been omitted in the Sub-division Chittah for Fusly 1253 (A.D. 1843-44). The various particulars of the deductions from the assessment are not shown; nor does the total extent appear of fields

only

only partially cultivated.' The Board request that hereafter no omissions may be made of any of the particulars included in the Bellary form, so far as they are applicable to Madura.

31. The Board regret that Mr Blackburne was unable to introduce the new forms in the division under his own immediate charge, except in the Talook of Maroongapoory and some small villages in the other Talooks. No reason is stated, nor are the Board aware of any, why the same orders under which the new accounts were introduced in Maroongapoory, should not have sufficed for their general adoption in every Talook. and the Board are disposed to adopt Mr Elliott's solution, that the Curnums were influenced by other motives

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than the mere alleged difficulty of preparing the accounts required. The Board trust that Mr Blackburne will be able to introduce the new forms universally in the current Fusly. The circumstances to which he refers in his Report for

Para 5 Sec. 10. Fusly 1253 / A.D. 1843-44 as likely to prevent this in some villages, do not appear valid. Neither the large number of fields nor the heaviness of the assessment appears to offer any obstacle. Nor would the absence of the survey accounts prevent the preparation of the new accounts for the current year; though that want would certainly preclude a comparison with the survey settlement. In the concluding Para of their letter of July 29. 1844 the Board stated that the defects in the

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Revenue management of Madura had been rectifi[ed] under their orders. They regret to be now constrained to remark that Mr. Blackburne's efforts to carry those reforms into effect have not been such as the Board had a right to expect. With reference to Section 5 of the 5th Para of the Report for Fusly 1253 / A.D. 1843-44 the Board observe that in their opinion Mr. Blackburne's own statements bear out that part of the Commissioner's report which he impugns. A circular order directing the preparation of the new accounts, and forms for those accounts were issued by the Commissioner in Charge. Mr. Elliott having shortly after been put in charge of the Settlement, the further carrying out of

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the Board's orders devolved on that Gentle-man; and the Board are satisfied with his exertions to acquit himself of the duty.

32. With regard to the presence of the Ryots at the Settlement, and to the distribution of Puttahs, the Board desire to call the attention of the Principal Col-lector to their Proceedings on July 1251.
ADV- 1841-42
They consider it of great importance that the Ryot should be made fully acquainted with the particulars of the demand against him while the Settlement is in progress, and should have ample opportunity of objecting, before affixing his signature to the Chittah. If, as Mr Blackburne supposes,

Report Para 5.

few only of the Ryots "understood the particulars of the total of what they signed," the Board must ascribe the circumstance partly to the novelty of the practice in Madura

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and partly to the insufficiency of the explanation given. Men are not usually indifferent or uninterested in matters so nearly concerning their own welbeing; nor has it been found in other districts that the Ryots are slow in comprehending the particulars of their settlement account, or backward to object to it if, in their judgment, incorrect.

33 With reference to Mr Elliott's observations in reporting on the settlement of Fusly 1252 / A.D. 1842-43, the Board remark that Para 13 it will often be practicable to prepare the Puttahs immediately after the signature of the Ryots to the chittahs so as to be ready for distribution the same day. In other cases, where the village is large or the chittahs signed late in the day, it will be necessary

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to let the Ryots return home before receiving their puttahs. It does not appear whether the Ryots were present in July 1252 (A.D. 1842-43) at the settlement, or had the particulars of their accounts explained to them in detail before being asked to sign the Chittah.

34 The Puttah is a document given by the Collector to the Ryot; and in order to make this clearly evident to the recipients, puttahs should be given in the actual presence of the superintending European Officer, and always by the Sirishtadar, or other principal Officer of his Cutcherry. They
15. should never be distributed by the hands of the Village officers, either Curnum or Nattamgar. For the same reason the puttahs of absent Ryots

Ryots should not be given for delivery Para 16.
to the village officers, but to the Tahsildar.

35 In their Proceedings on Fusly 1251 (A.D. 1841-42) the Board called for information and explanation on certain points, but they have yet received no reply. It appears that Mr. Elliott has answered Report on Fusly, Para 11 the Board's requisition as far as his own Talooks were referred to, but his letter to the Principal Collector has not been laid before the Board. Mr. Blackburne should forward that paper, together with his own replies to the Board's observations, so far as subsequent correspondence may not have rendered such replies no longer necessary.

36 The Board take this opportunity to notice that the mode adopted by Mr. Blackburne in dividing

his

his letters is inconvenient. They request that in future he will prefix a number to each paragraph, instead of placing many paragraphs or sections under one number. Mr Elliott also is required to attend to this remark.

Ordered that Extract of the foregoing Proceedings be transmitted to the Principal Collector of Madura, who will furnish his Sub Collector with a transcript.

(A true Extract)

J. Hycroft

Secretary.

Accd 27th March 1825
Comp. Chambers Recd 30th JB

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Boards proceedings
on the Settlet of
fusly 1252 & 53.
Dated 6th March
1845

Recd 17 March 1845 JB

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Revenue Department

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th March 1845.-

Ri.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 25th February 1845.

(Here enter No. 44)

Resolved that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition No. 440 of 1844.-

The act complained of by Petitioner would appear to have been performed by Mr. Blackburne in his magisterial capacity. The Board cannot therefore interfere.-

(A true Extract).

[signature]
Secretary.

Despd 14 March 1845.
Compd. Recd 17th JB
[illegible]

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Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
20 February 1845.
Recd. 29 March 45

No. 118.

From

J. Pycroft Esqre.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,

To

J. F. Thomas Esqre.
Chief Secretary to
Government.

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Sir,

Revenue Departt. Para. 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will submit for the orders of the Most Noble the Governor in Council the accompanying
[illegible] January 1845. letter from the Principal Collector of Madura, reporting the death on the 20 November last of Streenavasa Anchary, a Zemindar of his District
No. 39
who

who was in the receipt of an allowance of Rupees 77-6-9 per annum.

2 The Yeomiah appears to have been originally granted by the Mahomedan Government to the Grand father of the deceased "for praying for the welfare of that Government". On the assumption of the Country by the British Government it was continued in the name of his Grand son the last incumbent, and his name is entered in the list of Yeomahdars No 1 which received the sanction of Government on the 30 December 1804.

* Vide translation of Sunnud dated 3 Shaban of Higerah corresponding with [illegible]

* Enclosure [illegible] from the Board [illegible] 9th November 1804 [illegible] to Government [illegible] 1804.

3 The grant appears to the Board to be purely charitable, and they request the Orders of the Most Noble the Governor in Council whether it shall be continued in the name of Soobah Charry the only son of the deceased.

Revenue Bd Office
Fort St George
26th February 1805.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. Cycroft
Secretary

To
J. T. Thomas Esqr
Chief Secretary to Government.

Extract

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No. 342

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date 12th March 1845.

The Yeomiah referred to being an entirely charitable life grant, the Most Noble the Governor in Council resolves that the allowance of Rupees (77-6-9) seventy seven, Annas six, and Pice nine, per annum enjoyed by the late incumbent Streenevasa Anchary to lapse to Government from the date of his death.

(Signed) J. F. Thomas
Chief Secretary

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th March 1845.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing

foregoing order of Government and of the Board's letter to which it relates be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Principal Collector of Madura, with reference to his letter dated 27th January last.

(A true Extract)

J Pycroft
Secretary

Desp. 26th March 1845.
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Recd 29th Feb.

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
27th February 1845.
No. 136. Recd 29th [illegible]

From
T. Pycroft Esqre.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

To
J. F. Thomas Esqre.
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

Revenue Departt. Para 1

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to state for the information of the Most Noble the Governor in Council that on the 11th ultimo the Principal Collector of Madura reported to them the insti=tution of a Suit No 137 of 1844 in the Subordinate Court of the Zillah by one Meenatchee Auyee against himself

himself and two other parties, and
submitted copy and translation of
the Plaint and of the Answer which
he had put in, in the case.–

2 The answer in the suit
reported having been already filed
without previous reference to Govern-
-ment, the Board directed the Principal
Collector to proceed in conformity with
the course laid down in the Proceed- From Govt. 16th
-ings of the Sudr Udalut, 27th November
1844, which it should be remarked
had not reached him at the date
when his letter of 11th January was
despatched.– Mr Blackburne has in
consequence withdrawn the Answer

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which he had put in without authority - has moved the subordinate Court for an extension of time, and now submits for approval the draft of the Answer which he proposes to file - and which is to the same effect as that already put in and withdrawn. -

18th Feby 1845.

3 On perusal of the Plaint the Board find it stated by the Plaintiff that the piece of ground for the recovery of which the present action has been brought, is her Ancestral property and has been held in the enjoyment of her husband her son and of herself for years past. but that recently it has been unjustly

given

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given by the 1st Defendant the Principal Collector to the 3d Defendant who has illegally occupied it and built a house upon it - In his proposed Answer the Principal Collector asserts that the ground in question is not the ancestral property of the Plaintiff but that it is Government land - that till recently it has been appropriated for the reception of the sweepings &ca of the Town of Madura - and has been entirely unenclosed - and that lately this plot of ground being no longer required for its former purpose was given by him as Principal Collector to

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1. the 3.^d^ Defendant in lieu of a piece of land taken from this latter in order to widen the street in which he resided. .

4. The answer proposed to be put in by the Principal Collector and which the Board presume that he is in a condition to substantiate appears to them to be good and sufficient - and they therefore beg to recommend that he may be allowed to file it and to conduct the defence of the suit at the public expense. -

I have &ca

(Signed) T. Pycroft
Secretary -

Revenue B. Office,
Fort St. George,
27th February 1845 -

To J. F. Thomas Esqre.
Chief Secretary to Government -

Extract

№ 370.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

dated 20th March 1845.

The Most Noble the Governor in Council grants authority for the defence, in the first instance at the public expense, of the suit № 137 of 1844 instituted in the subordinate Court of the Zillah by one Meenatchee Auyee against the Principal Collector of Madura and two others, but will determine, when a copy of the Decree is laid before him, whether the costs, if any be adjudged against the Principal Collector, shall be borne by that Officer or by the Government.

(Signed) J. F. Thomas
Chief Secretary. Extract

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 20th March 1845.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing order of Government and of the Board's letter to which it relates be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Principal Collector of Madura; with reference to his letter dated 18th February last.-

(A true Extract)

[signature]
Secretary-

Despd 25th March 1845
Compd J. S. Boyle Recd 29th [illegible]

Received 7th April 1845 95

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Revenue Department

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3d April 1845.

Ri.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 18th March 1845.

(Here enter No. 60)

The Principal Collector will be pleased to advertise again for sale the Thogamalay Zemindary and to purchase it on account of Government. He will furnish for publication in this Office the usual Advertisement, fixing the day of sale with reference to the full

notice

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notice required by Section XI of Regulation XXVI of 1802.-

(A true Extract)

(Signed) [illegible]
Secretary-

Despd 4th April 1845.
Compd. [illegible]
Recd 7th [illegible]

Received 20 April 1845

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Revenue Department

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd April 1845.

Read Extract from a General Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors under date 21st August 1844 No. 23, accompanied by an Extract from Minutes of Consultation under date 10th December 1844 No. 1284.

Ordered that a Copy of paras 6 to 8 inclusive of the Honorable Court's letter be transmitted for the information of the Principal Collector of Madura.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Secretary.

Extract

16 April 1845.

Comp. [signature]

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Revenue Department.

Extract from a General Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, Dated 21st August 1844, No. 28.

6@8. Settlement of the Theroogunge Estate in Madu[ra] for Fusly 1250.

Settlement.

Fusly 1249 Rs 477,71
1250 " 349,64

6. The decrease in the Settlement was principally attributable to the very adverse nature of the season which occasioned a falling off both in the extent of cultivation and in the amount of produce, and the loss thus occasioned was aggravated by the low price of grain which was the result of the abundant harvests in the neighbouring Districts of Tanjore and Trichinopoly. We have noticed with much satisfaction the evidence adduced by the Principal Collector

Mr

Mr. Blackburne of the general improvement in the condition and resources of the ryots since the Estate came under his management.

9. 10. Settlement of the Land Revenue of Madura for Fusly 1250.

Settlement.

Fusly 1248 Rs.	17,33,993.	
1249 "	17,83,646.	
1250 "	17,44,512.	

7 The Settlement of this district exhibits a decrease below that of the preceding year of Rupees 39,228, arising from the unfavorable nature of the season as regarded the Nunjah cultivation. The whole amount (with the exception of a small nominal balance against the Calamunthay Estate) was again collected within the Fusly. a circumstance which reflects much credit on the management of Mr. Blackburne and the Sub Collector Mr. Davidson.

8. The Statement submitted by

by Mr. Blackburne of the present condition of the Madura Division as compared with the last five years of the Nawaub's rule is very satisfactory. From this it appears that with an assessment acknowledged to be light the Revenue of this District is now and has for many years been more than double what it yielded under Native administration, thus affording a gratifying proof of the advantages which have been gained by its transfer to British rule.

(A true Copy)

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Secretary.

Recd 20th April 1805 [illegible]

Compd. [illegible]

Received 27 April 1845 [illegible]

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th April 1845.

Read letter from the Principal Collector of Madura under date 19th February 1845 reporting upon Petition No. 1118 from Talaney Appah Moodely late Curnum of Cumbum in Toncurray forwarding copy of the Sub Collector's decision in the case under Regulation IX 1822 and of his own modification of it in appeal, with correspondence bearing upon the subject.

(Here enter No. 37)

Para 1. From the papers submitted by the Principal Collector, it appears, that frauds, to a considerable amount, principally

principally in failing to bring cultivation to account, had been committed in Fuslies 1249-50 in the Village of Cumbum in the Pencurray Talook of the Madura Sub Division. The Sub Collector made a full investigation of the matter, directed the amount of which Government had been defrauded to be collected from the several Ryots by whom it was due, fined one Curnum, Vyraperoomal Pillay, in the sum of 200 Rupees, but exonerated the other Palany Appah Moodely on the ground both of his youth and of his having been the party thro' whose information the fraud had been brought to light. He also fined the five Nattamgars 100 Rupees each. On the matter being brought by appeal before

before the Principal Collector, that officer confirmed the judgment of the Sub Collector in its leading particulars, but differed with him as to the acquittal of Palany Appah Moodely. As regards that individual, the Principal Collector thought that his having turned informer entitled him to no consideration in as much as he knew at the time, that information was about to be given by other parties. His youth also was in the opinion of Mr Blackburne no valid reason for exempting him from punishment both because even had his duties been discharged by a private Gomastah during his minority he would still have been himself responsible for any malversations committed by his

principally in failing to bring cultivation to account, had been committed in Fuslie 1249-50 in the Village of Cumbum in the Periacoolam Talook of the Madura Sub Division. The Sub Collector made a full investigation of the matter, directed the amount of which Government had been defrauded to be collected from the several Ryots by whom it was due, fined one Curnum, Vyraperoomal Pillay, in the sum of 200 Rupees, but exonerated the other Palany Appah merely on the ground both of his youth and of his having been the party thro' whose information the fraud had been brought to light. He also fined the five Nattamgars 100 Rupees each. On the matter being brought by appeal before

Principal Collector's letter under review, it would seem, that complaints against their Village authorities were preferred by the Ryots of Cumbum to the Principal Collector on the 15th September 1861, and that on reference to the Tahsildar, it was ascertained, that similar charges had been brought to the notice of that officer by one Narrainan a Natumgar (since dead) and by the appellant Palany Appah Moodely on the 27th of the preceding month or only 19 days before. This coincidence certainly tends to support the view taken by the Collector that the information given by Palany Appah Moodely was merely brought forward in anticipation of complaints from other quarters. There seems also justice

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in Mr Blackburne's remark, that if, as was the case, Palany Appah Moodely was old enough to do the duty of Curnum he was also old enough to be amenable to punishment for any unfaithfulness in the discharge of his trust. His youth and consequent liability to be practised upon and influenced by others tho far from a complete justification is however the Board think some extenuation of his conduct, and they are therefore unwilling that he should be punished to the same extent as the other Curnum Vyraperumal Pillay, in whose favor no such mitigating circumstances would appear to exist. They consequently direct that the fine imposed upon Palany Appah Moodely

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be reduced to 50 Rupees, and that he be re-instated in Office from the commencement of the ensuing Fusly and be warned to be more circumspect in his conduct in future.

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed upon Petition 1118 of 1844.

Petitioner is referred to the Principal Collector of Madura, to whom instructions have been sent regarding him.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Extract from the Board's Proceedings be transmitted to the Principal Collector of Madura

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for his information and guidance.

(A true Extract)

J. Wyse
Secretary

Desp. 24 April 1846. Recd 27 JB
Compd J. Lambert

From the Sub Collector, Dindigul.

To the Principal Collector of Madura.

Dindigul 13th December 1844.

Recd 17th D

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that in your decision against Pitchanegappen Moodely, dated the 10th of July last, by which a fine of 100 Rupees was imposed upon him, besides being dismissed on account of possessing no right to the Merasy, there is no mention made of the Regulation &c under which the said decision was passed, or of any alternative in case of his refusal to pay the fine imposed upon him. I therefore request you will inform me whether in such case he is to be incarcerated; and if so, for what period.

2. I trust it will not be considered as beyond the sphere of my privilege and duty to offer to your particular consideration that the abovesaid individual, who has been thus severely punished, was the original Complainant or informer and not Defendant, whilst you have been pleased to acknowledge the case brought by him against the Defendants, it having been fully proved by w— allowing 100 Rupees fine to be recovered from them.

3. I beg further to state that altho' your decision order in appeal dated 10th of July last, directs the dismissal of Pitchanegappen Moodely, for not bringing the said fraud to light, your orders of the 7th

and

and 8th of September 1843, awarded the said duty to him, and stated there was no fault against him in the matter; & it is observable that the Appeal of the ... Defendant Vyrapermaul Pillay, one of the Curnams, was dated 24th August 1844, whilst your Orders releasing Palaneyappa Moodely from all blame, were dated some days later. For 1844 see Sub's Lett. 14th Dec [illegible]

4. A Copy of a Petition from the said Palaneyappa ~~Moodely~~ Moodely, dated 6th Inst. (No. 2083), I beg herein to enclose for your information.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servt.

[illegible]
Sub Collector.

Dindigul
Sub Collr. Cutchery
13th December 1844.

Recd 17th [illegible]

To the Principal Collr. of Madura.

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From the Sub Collector, Dindigul.

To the Principal Collector of Madura.

Dindigul 14th Decr 1844.

Sir, Recd 17th JB

With reference to my letter of the yesterday, on the subject of the Carnam of Camban in Tengare, Pallamyap-pen Moolaly, the date at the end of the 3rd Para, should have been 24th of August 1843, instead of 1844.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

W. Elliot

Sub Collector.

Dindigul
Sub Collr Cutchery
14th December 1844.

Recd 17th JB

To the Principal Collr of Madura.

104 No. 688

Poodoocotay 17th December 1844

From Mr. J. Blackburne Principal Collector

To W. Elliot Esqre. Sub Collector of Madura Dindigul

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 13th Instant, with inclosure, on the Subject of my decision against Palaneyappa Moodely, Curnom of Cumbum, on the 10th July last, I have the honor to request you will favor me with originals or Copies of every paper leading to that decision, and every paper, petition or otherwise having reference, and Communication, with it, that has subsequently transpired.

I have the honor to be &ca.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

(True Copy)
J. W. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

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From the Sub Collector Dindigul

To the Principal Collector of Madura

Dindigul 27 December 1844
Recd 30 DD

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 17 instant requiring the re-inspection of all the documents connected with your decision against Pallaniappa Moodely Curnum of Cuintum, but beg to state that as the originals appear to be still in your office not having been yet returned to me, I am unable to comply with your request -

2. Any subsequent petition or docu-
ment if found on the records of this
Cutcherry will be submitted as soon as
transcribed.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your most obedient Servant

W. Elliot
Sub Collector

Principal
Sub Collector's Cutcherry
27 Decr. 1844

Recd. 30th do. For the Principal Collector

J. Madura

Sent

108 No. 7 365

Madura 4th January 1845.

From Mr. J. Blackburne Principal Collector

To W. Elliot Esqre Sub Collector

of Madura

Dindigul

Sir,

By an error of my Deputy ac-countant the accompanying letter to your address from the Board of Revenue was omitted to be transmitted.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Prinl. Collector

(True Copy)

J Blackburne

Prinl. Collector

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Madura 9th January 1845.

From Mr. J. Blackburne Principal Collector of Madura

To W. Elliot Esqre. Sub Collector of Madura Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor to press upon your immediate attention the latter part of my request of the 17th Ultimo, in my letter No. 688; It seems to me there could have been no excuse for delaying Compliance more than one day after its receipt.

I have the honor to be &ca.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

(True Copy)

J Blackburne
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No. 12.

From the Sub Collector, Dindigul.

To the Principal Collector of Madura.

Dindigul 14th Jany 1845.

Recd 16 JB

Sir,

I have the honor to request, with reference to your letter of the 9th Instant, that you will inform me of the subject of your letter, No. 688, dated the 17th Ulto., therein alluded to.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

[signature]

Sub Collector.

Dindigul
Sub Collr Cutchery
January 1845.

Recd 16th JB

To the Principal Collr of Madura.

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Madura 16th January 1845.

From Mr. J. Blackburne Principal Collector

To W. Elliot Esqre. Sub Collector of Madura Dindigul

Sir,

Your letter No. 12 of the 14th Instant seems so vexatious in asking me the Contents of a letter from me lying before you, and hardly possible to be misunderstood, and is productive of so much Continued procrastination on your part, and waste of time on mine, that unless you Can afford explanation of the Cause I must, in my own protection, refer the Correspondence to higher Authority.

I have the honor to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

(True Copy)

J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 25

From the Sub Collector, Dindigul.
To the Principal Collector of Madura.

Periaculam? 23rd January 1845.

Sir, Recd 24th [illegible]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th Instant, considering the request contained in my letter of the 14th idem, vexatious; but I beg to state that it is generally customary to enter the subject in each letter, and it was particularly required by me because your letter of the 9th Instant, No. 23, referred to one dated 17th Ultimo, No. 688, the request in which had not been complied with. Amongst the unanswered communications, no such letter appeared, but there was one of the 19th December No. 687. I do not consider, therefore, there was any thing extraordinary in my request of the 14th Instant to be informed of the subject. But on receipt of your letter under reply, I examined all the communications received, and found the letter bearing the said number with a date one earlier than a prior dispatch relating to the matter of the [illegible] of [illegible] Palaniyappah Moodely.

2. The said letter dated 17th Decr No. 688, I had already replied to during the same month, stating that the required record was in your Office. It is impossible for me to know what documents or papers are not there without inspection of the records; and, if you will favor me with the said bundle, I will forthwith a

supply every deficiency.

3. As no notice has been taken of my letter on the subject of the record being in your office, a matter which could not have been unknown to the native servants, I am doubtful whether the documents or proceedings have been found, or my letter received. But the reference to the "latter part" only of your request of the 17th December, induces me to hope that both have come to hand. I am, however, in doubt as to what document is required by the mention of "any paper, petition or otherwise having reference to or in communication with it that has subsequently transpired." — Because at the date of that letter, the instruction of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th Decr and despatched 13th, for me to cancel my endorsement, on the only document [not submitted] to you through me, might have been before you, And although such instructions, by an error of the Deputy Accountant, did not reach me till the 6th Instant, I took the earliest opportunity of cancelling the same, namely that of Subramanyappah Moodelly's presenting himself before me on the 14th Instant. I am not aware whether this is the paper, petition &ca required or alluded to; but as it has been cancelled by order of higher authority, it can no longer be considered a public document; should, however, you ever require a copy of that particular paper, it shall be forwarded to you, as well as any other you may be pleased to require, [illegible], I believe, it will be found that you

111 are already in possession of the whole case.
I beg to bring to your notice that I have not been favored with any final answer to my letter, on the subject of your decision against Palaneyappah Modelly.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

H. Elliot
Sub Collector.

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Sub Collr's Cutchery
23rd January 1845.

Recd 24th J.B.

To the Principal Collector of Madura.

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Dates and Abstract of English Correspondence in reference to embezzlements in Cumbom of Theneurai.

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From Board to Collr. 9th December 1844. with petition 1118 of 1844 & Copy of letter to Sub. Collr. for transmission after perusal.	Calling for report on the inclosed Complaint of Palaneyappa Moodely Curnom of Cumbom.
From Sub. Collr. to Principal 13th Decr. 1844.	1. Complaining that my decision of 10th July did not specify under what Regulation it was given, nor provided for period of incarceration on non payment of a fine imposed on Palaneyappa Moodely who was, besides, dismissed as possessing no right to the Curnoms Merassy.
	2. Urging on his behalf that he was informer of proved frauds - not a defendant.
	3. Urging that tho' I dismissed him for not bringing the above frauds to light, I had awarded him that duty on the 7th & 8th September 1843, and therein held him fully absolved from fault.
	And pointing out that this exculpation was

was dated also some days later than the appeal of one of the Defendants, Vyra: :pormal Pillay, on the 24th August 1843.

Correcting a clerical error in prece: :ding days letter.— From Sub. to Prin: :cipal Collector 14th Decr 1844

Requesting transmission, for review, of every paper connected with my decision in the Case of Palaneyappa: Moodelly; — and, of every paper, petition or otherwise having reference or Com: :munication with it that had subse: :quently transpired.— Princl. to Sub Coll. 17th December 18

1. Submitting that the proceedings in the Case having never been returned to his office he had not the means to send them.— Sub. to Princl. Coll. 27th Decr 184

2 That if any subsequent petition or document was found in his records it should be transmitted as soon as transcribed.—

Communicating that by an error in the Deputy Accountant the Board's letter to him, inclosed in the Princl. to Sub 4th January 184

the one to me of the 9th December &
received only on the 17th, had not been
before transmitted.

Principal to Sub. Collr. 9th January 1845. — Pressing early attention to the last part of the request of 17th December, No 688, and expressing opinion there could not have been cause for more than one days' delay after its receipt.

Sub to Princl. Collr. 14th January 1845. — Requesting with reference to Princl. Collector's letter of the 9th Instant, to know what was the subject of his prior one of the 17th December.

Principal to Sub. Collr. 18th January 1845. — Deeming his letter of 14th so vexatious, and productive of so much continued procrastination, that if not satisfactorily explained it would be referred to the Presidency authority.

Sub to Pl. Collr. 23d January 1845. — Unsatisfactory explanation to call of 18th January.

Madura
19th February 1845

J Blackburne
Principal Collr

No 4 Inclosure in letter
from Principal Collector of
Madura to Board of Revenue
dated 19 February 1845

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Precis with dates of English
correspondence and Copies of
the Correspondence with Sub
Collector regarding a Case of
embezzlement in Cumbum
of Theinkurray

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
17th March 1845.
Recd 27 April 45

No. 188.

From

T. Pycroft Esqre

Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To

J. F. Thomas Esqre

Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

Revenue Depart.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the orders of the Most Noble the Governor in Council the accompanying letter

12th Feby 1845.

from the Principal Collector of Madura, recommending the repay:-ment of Rupt. 193-8-9- to the Zemindar of Ammianaicknoor, as being

being the net revenue for Fuslies 1242. 43. 44 and 45 of a piece of ground awarded to him by a decree of Punchayet.

2 It will be seen that the land in question is situated on the confines of the Mahagoor Village of the Ammianaicknoor Estate which is in possession of the Proprietor and of the Keelacotay Village of the Ammatiah Zemindary which is under charge of the Collector. The ground appears to have been first cultivated in Fusly 1242, when it was claimed both by the Nattamgars of

Mahagoor

snalagoor and by those of Keelacotay each asserting it to form part of their Village - The dispute was referred by the Sub Collector for decision to a Punchayet who on the 27th. May 1837 adjudged the land to belong to the Ammianaicknoor Estate, to which it was accordingly given over on the 17th. July of the same year - Prior to the ground being thus made over, it had however been cultivated for the four Fuslies 1242 - 43 - 44 and 45 - the net proceeds for the two first years having been carried to the account of Keelacotay - and for the two last having been carried to

to the credit of Government as "Extra revenue" - The Ammianaicknoor Zemindar now urges that as the land has been determined by the Punchayet to be his property - he is also entitled to the net profits arising from it from the time of it's first cultivation in Fusly 1242 - to that on which it was finally awarded to him - His claim appears to the Board to be reasonable, and they therefore beg to recommend that the Principal Collector may be authorized to repay to the Zemindar the net revenue realized during the years

already

already stated, amounting as shown by Para 3 of Mr. Blackburne's letter to Rups. 193-8-9.-

I have &ca
(Signed) T. Pycraft
Secretary.

Revenue B. Office,
Fort St. George,
17th March, 1845.

To J. F. Thomas Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 468.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 12th April 1845.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Submitting a letter from the Principal Collector of Madura and recommending that he may be authorized to repay to the Zemindar of Ammianaicknoor the sum of Rs. 193-8-9 being the net revenue realized for Fuslies 1242 (A.D. 1832/33), 1243 (1833/34), 1244 (1834/35) & 1245 (1835/36) on a piece of ground awarded to him by a decree of Punchayet.

(Here enter 17th March 1845, No. 188)

The Most Noble the Governor in

in Council is not prepared, as at present informed, to pass orders on the recommendation of the Board of Revenue conveyed in the foregoing letter, in favor of the Zemindar of Ammianaicknoor - He desires to be furnished with a copy of the Decree of the Punchayet referred to by them, and with more particular information respecting the disputed land, which, it is observed, is called a "Village" in the Petition, and "a patch of land" in the Collector's letter; The Board will be pleased further to state, whether any proof exists, that the land belongs to either,

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and which of the claimants - at what period the dispute arose and under what circumstances the matter only now comes before Government -

(A true Extract)

(Signed) J. F. Thomas

Chief Secretary -

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th April 1845 -

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation and of the Board's letter to which it relates be transmitted to the Principal Collector of Madura with reference to his letter dated 12th February last. -

Mr. Blackburne will be pleased

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pleased to transmit copy of the Decree of the Punchayet, and to furnish information on the several points noticed by Government.–

(A true Extract)

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Secretary–

Desp^d^ 24th April 1845 Rec^d^ 27th [illegible]
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Received 26th April 1845 118 294

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st April 1845.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 19th April 1845.

(Here enter No 500)

Resolved that a copy of Para 1 of the foregoing Order of Government and of the Board's letter to which it relates be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Principal Collector of Madura, with reference to his letter of the 8th March last.

(A true Extract)

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Secretary

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No. 500.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 19th April 1845.

The Most Noble the Governor in Council authorizes the Principal Collector of Madura to defend in the first instance at the Public expense, the Suit No. 140 of 1844 instituted against himself and others in the Subordinate Court at that station, by Meerasah Rowten; but will determine whether the costs, if any be adjudged against that officer, shall be borne by him, or by the Government, when a copy of the Decree shall have been submitted.

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Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
27th March 1845.

No. 201.

From

T. Pycroft Esqre.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,

To

J. F. Thomas Esqre.
Chief Secretary to
Government.

Sir,

(Revenue Depart.)

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward for the consideration and orders of the Most Noble the Governor in Council

(8 March 1845.)

the accompanying letter from the Principal Collector of Madura, reporting the institution in the Subordinate Court of the Zillah of a suit against himself and others — requesting permission to conduct the defence at the public expense — and submitting Draft of the Answer which he proposes to file.

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2 In the Plaint the Plaintiffs it will be seen state that after the removal of the Walls of the Madura Fort certain plots of the Ditch and Glacis were sold and marked out to them under orders of the 1st Defendant the Principal Collector — that after they had been put to a considerable expense in filling up the Ditch &c. and were on the point of building a house on the plot assigned to them they were dispossessed by the Principal Collector of part of the ground already granted them, which was made over to other parties. They therefore bring the present action for recovery of the ground and for the value of their building materials estimated at Rupees 30 —

3 In his reply the Principal Collector states that altho' tenders were invited for the ground to be levelled by throwing down the ramparts and filling up the Ditch of the Madura Fort, yet that the boundaries of the several plots were left for subsequent adjustment

adjustment because the exact measurements could not be ascertained until the level was complete - that the Plaintiffs among others had certain plots of ground granted them upon these terms - but that as the improvements of the Town proceeded it became necessary, for the sake of giving due space for one of its principal outlets, to throw back, each in his turn, the portions of certain parties - and those of the Plaintiffs among the rest. The measurement reserved to each is however, the Principal Collector explains, the same as at first - the relative position the same - no portion has been better filled up than another - Nor have the Plaintiffs sustained the smallest injury from the arrangement - The Principal Collector further states his willingness to take the whole responsibility upon himself and prays that the other Defendants may be exonerated from all

liability

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liability.

4. Under the explanation given by Mr Blackburne his proceedings would appear to have been productive of no loss or inconvenience to the Plaintiffs and to have been dictated solely by a regard to the public accommodation. The Board therefore recommend that the Principal Collector may be allowed to file the answer, the Draft of which is now submitted, and to defend the suit at the public charge.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. Cycroft

Secretary

Revenue Bd Office,
Fort St George,
27th March 1845.

(True Copies)

J. Cycroft

Secretary.

To

J. F. Thomas Esqre

Chief Secretary to

Government.

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
3d. April, 1845.
Recd 3d. May 45

No. 221.

From
T. Pycroft Esqre.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To J. F. Thomas Esqre.
Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

Revenue Dept. Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will submit for the orders of the most Noble the Governor in Council

20th. March 1845. the accompanying letter from the Principal Collector of Madura, report-ing that a piece of Poonjah land measuring $\frac{2\frac{1}{4}}{16}$ Cawney assessed at R. A. P. ".5.3 the Maniem of the Madayen

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of the Village of Silayman has
been taken to widen the public
road, and requesting authority to
grant him an equivalent out of
20 years waste of the same class
and assessment in the Village -

2 The Board recommend
that this arrangement may be
sanctioned -

I have &ca

Revᵉ. B. Office,
Fort St. George,
3ᵈ. April 1845. (Signed) T. Rycroft
Secretary -

To J. F. Thomas Esqʳᵉ
Chief Secretary to Government -

No. 502.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated 19ᵗʰ April 1845.

Resolved that the Principal

Collector of Madura be authorized to grant to the maniemdar an equivalent, as proposed, for the land taken to widen the Public road.

(Signed) I. F. Thomas
Chief Secretary.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st April 1845.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing order of Government and of the Board's letter to which it relates be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Principal Collector of Madura, with reference to his letter dated 20th March last.

(A true Extract)

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Secretary.

Desp. 29 April 1845
Comp. [illegible] Recd. 3d May [illegible]

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Received 8th June 1845

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 12th May 1845.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 22d April 1845.

(Here enter No. 516)

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation and of the one dated 1st February 1845 to which it refers, be transmitted for the information and guidance of the several Collectors and Governor's Agents, with the Board's request that they will furnish according to the accompanying

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accompanying Form a Statement containing the information required by Government regarding the lands held by the Company's Servants in the Districts under their charge.

(A true Extract)

[signature]
Secretary

Desp. 3 June 1845
Comp.
[signature]

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Revenue Department

No. 516.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 22nd April 1845.

Read the following letter

No. 210

From G. A. Bushby Esqre
Secretary to the Government of India

To J. V. Stonhouse Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George
Dated the 15th March 1845.

Sir,

Home Dept. Revenue

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 146, dated the 1st Ultimo, with it's enclosures, respecting the holding of lands for farming

farming purposes by the Company's Servants.

2. In reply I am desired to state that the Government of Fort St. George is right in considering that the orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors, conveyed in their Despatch of the 6th November 1844 prohibiting the Company's Servants from holding lands for farming purposes, do not apply to the occupation of lands in any of Her Majesty's Colonies.

3. With reference to the enquiries made by the Government of Madras whether it is still discretional with the Government to act under the previous order of the Court of Directors d/ 23rd February 1842

Directors sanctioning the occupation of lands by their Servants provided the holders are not personally engaged in the management of them, have no Civil authority in the District, and the possession of such lands would not be detrimental to the Public Interests, and whether the Honorable Court's orders of the 6th November last, apply to the occupa-tion of lands only in the Company's Territories or extend to those of Native Powers, in alliance, I am desired to state that the general principle being prohibitory of the holding of Lands by Company's Servants for farming, the objection to their doing so in Territories of

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Native States must be presumed. The connexion of the Company's Servants with the administration of Native States in matters of personal concern is a self evident evil, and the Governor General in Council is of opinion that the holding of lands by them in such States is more objectionable than in the Company's Territories.

4. The Governor General in Council is further of opinion that the Honorable Court in their Despatch above alluded to intend to confirm the Government of India in their Resolution not to authorize the holding of lands for farming purposes by the Company's Servants for the future, but not to require

indiscriminately

indiscriminately the surrender of such possessions, or the relinquishment of service where, in consequence of the sanction of the local Government, Grantees have incurred extensive expenditure of real capital in the prosecution of their farming speculations. In deciding therefore according to the general principle, the Government of India will be disposed to evince a degree of special indulgence in reference to the merits of each case.

Fort William, The 15th March 1845 } I have &c
(Signed) G. A. Bushby
Secy to the Govt. of India

Resolved that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Board of

of Revenue, and to the Military and Political Departments for information and guidance, with reference to an Extract from the Minutes of Con-sultation in this Department dated 1st February 1845 No. 145.

Resolved also, that the Board of Revenue be requested to call for Returns from the several Collectorates, and submit to Government in an appro-priate form, a Statement shewing the names of the Company's Servants by whom lands are held in the Provinces for farming purposes. the terms of the Grants - and whether obtained from the Government or by private Transfer - and whether the Estate is under personal management or not - with details of the extent,

and

and assessment of the Lands, and the cultivation to which they are applied to enable Government to decide upon the further measures to be adopted, with reference to the instructions of the Honorable Court of Directors and the Government of India.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) J. F. Thomas
Chief Secretary

Revenue Department

No. 145.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 1st February 1845.

The Most Noble the Governor in Council proceeds to take into consideration the letter in this Department from the Honorable

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the Court of Directors dated 6th November 1844 No. 29.

(Entire) Transmit Copy of a Despatch to the Government of India dated 6th November 1844 No. 11 on the subject of the occupation of Lands by Company's Servants for farming purposes.

1. The Honorable Court of Directors furnished this Government under date the 21st June 1843 with the Copy of a Despatch to Government of India dated 23d February 1842 No. 2, which contained the following instructions for the guidance of the Government in the disposal of applications for land.

Rev. Des. No. 13 of 21st June 1843 Para 13.

2. In para 53 the Court ruled, "that no Officer holding Civil authority in a District shall directly or indirectly be a holder of land, or be concerned in any description

description of cultivation thereon" but in their instructions to this Government the Honorable Court added, that "they do not object to Civil and Military Officers holding lands, provided they are not personally engaged in the management of them, it being distinctly understood that the possession of landed property disqualifies the possessor from exercising any Civil authority in the District in which his lands are situated"; and they further observed, "that Government may nevertheless refuse or withdraw it's permission to hold lands in any case when

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it may apprehend that the possession would be detrimental to the public interests."

3. The letter now transmitted for the information of this Government in the Despatch under consideration, refers more immediately to an order issued by the Government of India requiring "all Company's servants entirely to disconnect themselves from the 1st January 1845 from the occupation of land for farming purposes, or resign the Company's service," and this Government understand this order to preclude all occupation of land by Company's servants within the limits of the East India Company's Territories, but not to

interfere

interfere with their occupation of land in the Crown Colonies as Ceylon; they notice at the same time, that the Honorable Court observe, with reference to these orders, that "it is neither their intention to rescind or modify their previous instructions on this subject, nor to object to the general principle of the order of the Government of India, though it has been carried further than was contemplated in their instructions which were to prohibit the holding of land by Company's Servants within the Districts in which they are employed".

4. From the orders above detailed it is not clear to this Government,

Government, wither it is the intention of the Honorable Court peremptorily to forbid the holding of lands by the Company's Servants, Civil or Military, in the Company's Territories under any circumstances whatever, in accordance with the principle of the order of the Supreme Government, or whether it is still discretional with this Government to act under the previous order of the Court, sanctioning the occupation of lands by their Servants, under the limitations stated, Vizt. that "the holders are not personally engaged in the management of them," that "they have no Civil authority in the District in which the lands are situated",

and

and "that the possession of such lands would not be detrimental to the public interests," and they resolve to request the instructions on this point.

5. A further question has also arisen in the consideration of the Honorable Court's orders, whether they apply to the occupation of Lands only in the Company's territories, or extend to those of Native Powers in alliance, and on this subject it is desirable that some definite Rule should exist. this Government having applications before it from Company's Servants to be allowed to hold Lands in the Cochin and Travancore States.

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6. As it would appear to be the wish of the Honorable Court, that the Government of Fort St. George should be guided by the Rules which may be laid down by the Government of India, His Lordship in Council purposes to address that Government for specific instructions for its guidance, until the receipt of which he resolves to defer issuing orders on the applications for Grants of land from Servants of the Company.

Ordered that the foregoing resolution be communicated for the information and guidance of the Military and Political Departments.

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Revenue Department

No. 29 of 1844.

Our Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

We transmit for your information Copy of a Despatch in this Department which we have this day addressed to the Governor General of India in Council on the subject of the occupation of lands by Company's Servants.

London, 6th November, 1844.

We are,
Your loving friends,
(Signed) John Shepherd
" Henry Willock
&c. &c.

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Revenue Department.

No 11 of 1844

Our Governor General of India in Council

Para 1. The Paragraphs noted in the margin relate to the grants of land in the Dehrah Dhoon and Goruckpore which formed the subject of our Despatch of 23d February (No 2) 1842, and to an order issued by your Government that all Company's Servants should either entirely disconnect themselves from the occupation of land for farming purposes, or should resign the Company's Service.

Letters dated 9th Dec (No 6) 1843.
Paras 3 and 4
4th July (No 11) 1844.
Paras 7-6-9.
20th Do (No 13) 1844.
17th Augt (No 14) 1844.

2. You had fixed the 1st January 1845

as the day on which this order was to take effect.

3. You transmit a memorial appealing against the order.

From Mrs Tyler d/ 25th Septr
From Captn Barnet d/ 29th Septr

4. Similar memorials, of which we transmit copies, have been addressed to us.

5. It is not our intention either to rescind or to modify the instructions which we have issued in respect of farming speculations carried on by any of the Company's servants in India. Neither are we prepared to object to the general principle of the order issued by you, although it has been carried further than was contemplated in our instructions which were to prohibit

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prohibit the holding of land by Company's Servants within the Districts in which they are em-ployed- We think, nevertheless, that where it shall appear on investigation, that the sanction of the local Governments has led individuals into an extensive ex-penditure of real Capital on farm-ing speculations, not within the limits of their own Districts, a degree of special indulgence may be extended to such cases. For the present, we shall merely direct, that the period fixed by you for the alternative of withdrawing from such speculations, or re-signing the Company's Service, be extended to 1st January 1846, and

we request that the cases of the Memorialists, and of all other persons similarly circumstanced, who may memorialize in the interval, may be made the subject of reports on their respective merits.

6. The general question of the Dehrah Dhoon, and Goruckpore Grants as discussed in the proceedings referred to in the Paragraphs here partially noticed, will be the subject of a future despatch.

London,
the 6th Novr 1844

We are &ca
(Signed) J. Shepherd
H. Willock
&ca &ca

Recd 18 June 1845 [illegible]

(True Extract & Copies)
(Signed) J. V. Stonhouse
Secy to Govt
(True copies)

[illegible signature]
Secretary

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Revenue Department

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th May 1845.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 26th April 1845.

(Here enter No. 99.)

It appears to the Board that Mr. Blackburne is correct and that the appeal should under Regulation VI. 1831 lie to them and not to the Civil Court. They therefore request that the Principal Collector will report briefly upon the subject of Petition No. 170 of 1845.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Secretary

Desp. 23 May 1845
Comp. J. Lambert
Recd 27 M.

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
22nd May 1815
Recd 4th June 15.

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(Circular)

From
J. Rycroft Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To
J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir,

Revenue Deptt.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward for your information and guidance the accompanying Copy of an Extract Minutes of Consultation (Para 2.) bearing

bearing date the 26th Ultimo, and to request that the instructions therein contained may receive your most careful attention.

Reve Bd Office,
Fort St George,
22nd May 1845
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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
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Secretary

To
J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura

Extract

Compd J. Gibson

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 26th April 1845.

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Para 2 Adverting to the prevalent practice among Collectors of continuing, without the authority of Government, grants of money, or of land-revenue to the heirs of deceased incumbents, on the ground that the parties possess a hereditary right to them. His Lordship in Council considering this practice open to serious objection, resolves, that the local officers be strictly prohibited from renewing on the occurrence of

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of Casualties, any grants whatever, whether conferred in consideration of services rendered to the State, for the maintenance of ancient families, or, in lieu of resumed lands, offices, or privileges, or as Yeomiahs for the performance of services, and directs that as lapses occur, each case be specially reported for the orders of Government thro' the Board of Revenue.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Secretary

Comp^d J. Gibson

Rec^d 4th June 183

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St George,
22d May 1845.
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From
T. Roycroft Esqr
Secretary to the Board of
Revenue,

To
J. Blackburne Esqr
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Revenue Depart. Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant giving cover to copies of the Plaint in O.S. No. 16 of 1845 brought against yourself and others and of the draft of the answer which you propose to file in the case.

2. From the Plaint the Board perceive that the Plaintiff states that he

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held the land which forms the subject of the present action under a Cowle originally granted in 1807 and transferred to his father in Fusly 1235/1825-6 and that he paid the Cowle rate 3 Cullums per Mah on Nunjah until 1240 Fusly - that this rate was raised upon him in Fuslies 1241 and 42 - and that on the 16th April 1835 the Zemindar issued an order that the Cowle assessment should be reverted to - at which rate he continued to hold his land until Fusly 1251 - He further alleges that the Cowle and the Zemindar's order of 1835 above referred to were both forwarded to you and that you still retain them - The Plaintiff's Poonjah land it is added is still held at the Cowle rate, viz one Fanam per Koorkum -

3 - In your proposed Answer the Board observe that you do not go farther

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back than 1239 - in which year you state that the land paid a rent of 5 Cul: lums and 4 Mercals per Mah - which for the two subsequent Fuslies was raised to 8 Cullums - and that the assessment having in some of the following years fallen as low as 4 Cullums was ultimately fixed by you in December 1842 at 8 Cullums, "according to the practice in the neighbouring Villages" - You do not however meet that part of the plaint in which the Plaintiff asserts that the Cowle and the Zemindar's order in his favor were submitted for your consideration and have not been returned to him - nor is it explained why if no Cowle had been granted the rate which was found to obtain when the Estate

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was attached in Fusly 1239 - (5 Cullums 4 - Mercals) - and that on which the land - was held in some subsequent years (4 Cullums) were so much below what appears to be the average assessment of the neighbouring lands - Nor why the Cowle pate, if Plaintiff's assertion be true, is still levied on his Poonjah cultivation - The Board request that you will afford them some further information on these points - and will also endeavour to ascertain on what terms the land was held prior to Fusly 1239 - It should likewise be stated whether any other ryots in Plaintiff's Village hold any part of their lands on terms similar to those of his alleged Cowle - Meanwhile you will be pleased to move the Subordinate

Court

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Court for such extension of time for filing the answer as may be requisite.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servt.

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
22d May 1845.
Despd. 27 Do.
Recd. 31st J.B.

J. Hycroft
Secretary.

To
J. Blackburne Esqr.
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Compd. A. Lambert

Received 10th June 1845 JB

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Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd June 1845-

Rq/ Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura with Enclosures dated 10th May 1845.

(Here enter No. 114)

The Board observe that the Village office claimed by the Petitioner in No. 1235 of 1844 is the Curnumship of a Village in a Permanently assessed Estate. They agree with the Principal Collector that under the provi=sions of Regulation XXIX 1802. such claim is cognizable only by a Court of Law.

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed upon Petition No. 1235 of 1844.

Petitioner can be placed in

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in possession of the Office which he claims,
only by a Court of Law. Neither the
Board nor the Principal Collector have
jurisdiction in the case.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Secretary

Despd 7th June 1845. Recd 10th JB
Compd

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St George,
9th June, 1845.
Recd 18th J.B

From

T. Pycroft Esqr
Secretary to the Board of
Revenue.

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To

J. Blackburne Esqr
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Revenue Depart.

Sir,

I in reply to your letter of the 20th Ultimo, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will state for their information what lands you would propose to make over to the Nattamgars and Nottagar of Samaya=mallore in lieu of the portion of their service

Service Maunium represented as unfit for cultivation, as it appears from the third para of your letter that the whole lands of the Village are under cultivation and that there is no available waste suited for the purpose in view — the Board would at the same time wish to know whether these parties are themselves in possession of any Lands upon which a remission of assessment might be made of an equivalent value to the tax on the 12 2/16 Cawnies which you have recommended to be exchanged as being incapable of yielding any remuneration to the Maunium-dars —

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George,
9th June, 1845 —
despd 14th Do.
Recd 18th J.B.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

[signature]
Secretary

To
J. Blackburne Esqre.
Principal Collector of
Madura —

Compd. A. Lambert

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Revenue Department.

No. 350.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th May 1845.

Q Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 10th May 1845.—

(Here enter No. 113)

Para 1. Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the orders of the Most Noble the Governor in Council with reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 12th April 1845 No. 468.—

2. It will be seen that the land in question is a "patch of land" and not "a Village," that from its position in reference to the two contending Villages of

of Malayoor and Keelakotay it must belong to one or the other, and that the decision of the Punchayet in favor of Malayoor was founded on the fact that the land in dispute was regularly recorded as belonging to Malayoor in the several Accounts brought forward by that party, whereas the Account, on which the claim of Keelakotay rested, was shewn to be a forgery by the evidence of other Accounts of undisputed authenticity.

3 The dispute arose in Fusly 1242, A.D. 1832-33, but the claim for the amount, Rupees 193-8-9. for the payment of which sanction has been solicited did not come before the Board till 1844 in Petition No. 1210 of 1844 which

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was reported on by the Principal Collector under date 12th February 1845.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) T. Pycroft
Secretary.

No. 747.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated the 21st June 1845.

Resolved, under the further explanation submitted in the foregoing Proceedings, that the Principal Collector of Madura be authorized to repay to the Zemindar of Ammianaik-noor the net revenue realized from the piece of ground awarded to him by a Decree of Punchayet amounting to Rupees (193-8-9) One hundred and ninety three, Annas Eight and pice nine.

(Signed) E. P. Thompson
Secretary to Govt.

Extract

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th June 1845.

Resolved that a Copy of the foregoing Order of Government and of the Board's letter to which it relates, be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Principal Collector of Madura, with reference to his letter dated 10th May last No. 113.

(A true Extract)

J. Hyers(?)
Secretary.

Desp'd 2d July 1845
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Comp'd Th. Lambert(?)

12 & 26 June 1845

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Revenue Department

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th July 1845.—

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 22d June 1845.—

(Here enter No. 131.)

The Principal Collector will be pleased to report the amount for which the Thogamalai estate was purchased on account of Government, to enable the Board to obtain sanction for the purchase.—

(A true Extract)

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Secretary

Despd. 12 July 1845
Recd 16th JB

Compd. [illegible]

Bd 7 July 184[illegible]

Received 2nd August 1845 JB 147

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Revenue Department

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No. 837

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 18 July 1845.

Books printed in the United Kingdom or any British possession are under Act VI of 1844 declared free of duty when imported on British Bottoms, and the Most Noble the Governor in Council is of opinion that Notices similarly printed and imported should likewise be exempted from duty.

(Signed) C. C. Thompson
Secy to Government

Extract

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th July 1845.

Ordered to be communicated for the information and guidance of the Principal Collector of Madura, with reference to his letter dated 29th April 1845 No. 101.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Secretary

Despd 29 July 1845
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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George
4th August 1845.
Recd 9th J.B.

From

T. Pycroft Esqre
Secretary to the Board of
Revenue,

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To. J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Revenue Depart.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Instant, stating that unless you receive orders to the contrary, you will suppose Successions to Curnumships and Nattamais will follow their usual course and not be considered as Yeomiahs for performances

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performances of services or coming under any other head for special reference as required by the Minutes of Consultation of the 26th April last.

2. The Board direct me to observe that you are correct in supposing that successions to Curnum-ships and other hereditary Village Offices are not meant to be made matters for special reference under the order above alluded to.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. servt.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
4th August, 1845.

Desp. 5 Do
Recd 9th [illegible]

(Signed) [illegible]
Secretary.

To
J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Comp. [illegible]

Received 17th August 1845 JHB 149 549

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Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th August 1845.

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Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 24th July 1845.

(Here Enter No. 151)

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition 170 of 1845.

The Board of Revenue having called upon the Principal Collector of Madura for a report upon the subject of the claim to the Umbalom Meerassee within referred to, see no reason to question the correctness of the decision given by the Principal Collector under Regulation VI 1831, which is therefore confirmed.

Petitioners

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Petitioners are further informed that the Meerassee claimed by them being an Umbalom and not a Curnum Meerassee does not fall under Section VIII, Regulation VI 1831.-

(A true Extract)

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Secretary.

Despd 11 Augt 1835

Compd. [illegible]

Received 26th August 1845 / ID 150

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Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st August 1845.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 7 August 1845.

(Here enter No. 182)

The Board request to be informed whether the alienation of the village of Narasany by the Zemindar of Shevagunga in behalf of the Auadyar Covil in Tanjore took place before or after the permanent settlement of the Zemindary, and if the latter be the case, whether in reference to Section VI, Regulation XXV of 1802 the permission of Government has been given for the alienation. The Principal Collector will also be pleased to report the amount of surplus funds of the

Village

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Village in question in Deposit in the Treasury

(A true Extract)

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Secretary

Dropd 23d Augt 1815
Recd 26th [illegible]

Comp: Jno Lambert

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st August 1845.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 5th August 1845.

(Here enter No 60)

The Board request to know whether the land proposed to be sold forms a part of the Comarawady Zemindary, and if so how a separate Bariz has been fixed upon it and how that Bariz has been determined - if otherwise in what manner it was acquired by the Zemindar and has been hitherto held - also under what circumstances it was alienated, at what time and by whom, and what relationship Chuckaray Ammal bears to the Zemindar - The Principal Collector will

will also be pleased to explain how the arrear can amount to Rupees 96-7-4 if as stated in the Column of remarks the Bariz which is Rupees 26-..8 per Annum has been discharged up to last year.

(A true Extract)

J Wood[?]
Secretary

Despd 26 August 1825
Recd 30th JD

Compd Jno Lambert

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Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
4th August, 1845.
Recd 30th JJ.

No. 480.

From

T. Pycroft Esqre.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To

J. F. Thomas Esqre.
Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

Revenue Dept. Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward for the orders of the Most Noble the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from

1st May 1845. the Principal Collector of Madura, (with enclosures) reporting the institution of a Suit (No. 16 of 1845) in the Subordinate Court of Madura against himself and others by one Moottoo Caroopen Chetty a ryot of the Shevagunga Zemindary and submitting copy of the answer

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which he proposes to put in in the case. I have also to forward the subsequent correspondence between the Principal Collector and this Office on the same subject –

To the Pl Coll
22d May 18
From do 17th July

2 The object of the Suit under report is, it will be seen from the Plaint, to establish the right of the Plaintiff to hold certain land in the Village of Sinnandy Yaindul at the rate of 3 Cullums for each Mah of Nunjah land or half the ordinary assessment and to recover damages in consequence of the Principal Collector the 1st Defendant having whilst in charge of the Shevagunga Estate levied excess collections upon the land in question and prevented Plaintiff from cultivating it upon the usual terms – Plaintiff rests his claim upon

a Cowle said to have been granted by a former Zemindar in virtue of which the land referred to in his Plaint was to be charged with 3 Cullums per Mah for Nunjah and 1 Silver Fanam per Coorkum of Poonjah land - at which rate he states the land was cultivated until fusly 1241 - when in consequence of his father's death and his own Minority the Ameen of the Talook collected at the rate of 6. Cul: per Mah on the Nunjah for fuslies 1241 and 1242 - From fusly 1243 to 1251 the former rate of 3 Cul: per Mah was he asserts reverted to - but subsequently the Principal Collector having the Shevagunga Zemindary under Management raised his assessment to 9 Cullums per Mah and thus compelled him to have recourse to the present action - He further states that

that he sent his Cowle and an order from a former Zemindar regarding his land for the inspection of the Principal Collector who has not returned them to him – and that during three fuslies 1249 – 1250 – 1251 he has sustained a loss in consequence of his Cultivation having been measured by a rod below the proper standard –

3 In his proposed answer and in his letter of the 17th Ultimo in reply to a call from the Board for further information the Principal Collector states that the Plaintiff has no such document as he pretends limiting the demand upon his Nunjah Cultivation in the Village of Simmandy Yaindul to 3 Cullums per Mah – the instruments to which he has referred applying either to Poonjah land in

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that Village which has not been affected by the Principal Collector's orders or to Nunjah Cultivation in the Village of Poonoonthanaindul- He further shows that in fusly 1239 when the Sinnandy Yaindul Nunjah land was first brought under Cultivation and while the Zemindar had charge of the Estate - the rate paid upon it was not 3 but 5 Cul: 4 Mercals - and that in fuslies 1241 and 1242 when the Zemindary was under attachment the full Grain rent of 8 Cullums was levied - Subsequently the Plaintiff contrived to get this rate reduced, but in fusly 1251 the fraud was discovered and Plaintiff having nothing to shew that he was entitled to an exemption upon his Nunjah lands in Sinnandy Yaindul these were assessed

assessed as in 1242 and 1243 - at 8 Cullums per Mah being the usual rate obtaining in the neighbouring Villages - As regards the documents which Plaintiff states were not returned to him it is explained that this was owing solely to his failing to apply for them - and in respect to the alleged improper measurement by the small rod in fuslees 1249 - 50 - 51 - the Principal Collector remarks that no representation was ever made to him by the Plaintiff on the subject - as would doubtless have been the case had his Statement been well founded -

4 The Board with the assistance of the information given in Mr. Blackburne's letter of the 17th Ultimo have altered his original answer so as more fully to

to meet all the points of the Plaint-
and they now beg to recommend that
Mr. Blackburne may be allowed to
file the amended answer and to
conduct the defence of the Suit at
the public expense.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. Pycroft
Secy.

Revd. Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
1st August, 1845.

To J. F. Thomas Esqre.
Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 1000.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date the 5th August 1845.

Read the following letter
from the Secretary to the Board of
Revenue.

(Here enter 4 August 1845, No 480)

The Most Noble the Governor
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in Council authorizes the Principal Collector of Madura to defend in the first instance at the public expense the Suit No. 16 of 1845 instituted in the Subordinate Court of that District against himself and others by one Mootoo Caroopun Chetty, but will determine on a Copy of the Decree being laid before him, whether or not the costs if any be adjudged against the public Officers shall be borne by them or by the Government.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) E. P. Thompson

Secretary to Government

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th August 1845.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of

of Consultation and of the Board's letter to which it relates with a copy of the amended draft of proposed answer, be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Principal Collector of Madura, with reference to his letter dated 6th May 1845.

(A true Extract)

[signature]
Secretary.

Despd 26 Augt 1845
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No 26 August
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Answer proposed to be filed in Original Suit No. 16 of 1845 instituted in Subordinate Court at Madura.

The first defendant begs to state that the Plaintiff neither possesses any document or Order from the late Zemindar, Gavoorvullaba Taver, regarding Sinnandy Yamdul such as is referred to in the Plaint, nor has he produced any such document to the Principal Collector or demanded it's return, and that his claim to hold Nunjah land in the village of Sinnandy Yamdul at half the usual rate is altogether unfounded. Complaints having brought to light that Ain lands in Authikattoor and Nekoopy Maganoms were under occupancy on a low grain rent under pretended Cowle, the Aumeen of Theroopatoor was required under date 30th September 1842 to call for

production of documents, if any:
in support of their holdings. The
Aumeen with his address of the 14th
October following submitted an invi=
=tation for offers as well as an Adistai
or license of cultivation issued by
a former Zemindar in Prabavah
and Vibovah corresponding with
1806 & 7 and 1807 & 8, the former in=
-viting cultivation of Jungle lands
on the borders between Sheragunga
and Poodoocotay on payment of
half the fixed grain rent of
neighbouring Villages on all lands
cultivated with Nunjah; and the
latter, limiting the demand on all
lands cultivated with Poonjah
to one fanam a Koorookam.-
As the Plaintiff claimed exemption

for his lands the Aumeen was called upon on the 24th of the same month to obtain from him the deed of Cowle for the Nunjah under his enjoyment in Sinnandy Yaundil and to forward with it a Statement shew=ing the extent brought under cultivation in each year and the rate of fixed grain rent paid on those lands. In obedience to these orders the Aumeen forwarded an original deed of Cowle dated 26th Chitaray of Parthewa corresponding with April or May 1824 issued by the then Zemindar and copies on un=stampt Cadjans of 3 orders issued by his Carkar and the Aumeen of the Talook.

On reference to this deed of Cowle it became apparent that it related to Paronthanaindel only since it con=tained specification of boundaries of

that Village solely; and it appeared that in supposed virtue thereof the Plaintiff had subsequently reclaimed and brought under cultivation the land in Sinnandy Yamdul also, the fixed grain rent of which is now in question, but without possessing any documents authorizing him to do so. It further became evident that his assertion that the Nunjah lands had been reclaimed in virtue of a general document, in the names of the Villagers, was false because the cultivation License or Adi olai al=luded to by the Plaintiff provides for Poonjah cultivation only and because it further appeared that in Fusly 1239 when the Nunjah land in question, vizt in Sinnandy Yamdul, was first brought under cultivation and when the Zemindar

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was in possession of the Estate it paid five Cullums and four Mercalls per Mah instead of half the fixed grain rent or four Cullums. There are no accounts to shew at what rate the land paid in Fusly 1240. In Fuslies 1241 and 1242 when the Estate was under assumption the full fixed grain rent was realized on it, Viz^t. at 8 Cullums per Mah. The tax on Poonjah lands was levied as usual at 1 Fanam a Koorkum it being included in the cultivation license. On restoration of the Estate to the Zemindar in Fusly 1243 the Plaintiff thro' favor of the Zemindar's Servants surreptitiously effected reduction of the demand to half the fixed grain rent to the Village in question, the said Seenandy Yamdul, in the same manner as to Paroonthanamdel,

the grain rent on which was regu-
-lated by a document; which fraud
not having been brought to notice
from Fusly 1247 to Fusly 1251 when
the Estate was again assumed, the
realization of the full demand upon
it was only ordered from Fusly 1252
when it was discovered according
to the accounts on record of the
previous assumption.

The Plaintiff requested the Collector whilst on
circuit by a Petition dated 22d September
1843 to return the documents produced
by him which was referred to the
Record keeper at Madura, and the
Defendant has since been informed
of their non-delivery from the
default of the Plaintiff who
neither came to ask for them

afterwards nor was refused. The original Deed of Cowle required by the Plaintiff does not relate to the present Question nor exempt the land in Sinnandy Yaundil but respects only the lands in Paroonthanainde.

With regard to Plaintiffs' claim for recovery of Rupees 49:13:a said to be the amount over collected from him by causing the cultivation to be measured by a small rod, & from Fusly 1249 to 52, it is to be observed he ought to have objected to it if true in his previous Petitions to the 1st Defendant, and the absence of any such objection is in itself sufficient to shew that his assertions are unfounded.

The Prayer of the Plaintiff for an injunction for the future levy of 3 Cullums per Mah needs no reply

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from the 1st Defendant since charge of the Estate has been made over to the 8th Defendant.

The 2d 3d 4th 5th 6th and 7th Defendants are not responsible in this Suit as they acted under the orders of the 1st Defendant or as in the case of the 8th have has nothing to do with the matter. –

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Secretary.

Compd. A Lambert

From the Board
Dated 4 Aug
1845 No 480.

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Revenue Department

No. 1004

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 25th August 1845

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue

(Here enter 28th July 1845, No. 470)

The Most Noble the Governor in Council confirms the purchase on account of Government of the Thogamalai Zemindary in the Madura District for the sum of Rupees (17301 : 8 : 7) seventeen thousand three hundred and one, Annas eight and Pice seven, and grants authority for the amount of the Purchase money being applied to the adjustment of the Public demands against that Property –

(A true Extract)

(Signed) E. P. Thompson
Secretary to Government

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th August, 1845.

Ordered to be communicated for the information and guidance of the Principal Collector of Madura, with reference to his letter dated 16th July 1845.

(A true Extract)

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Secretary

Despd 27 Augt 1845
Recd 31st "

Comp. [illegible]

Received 7th September 1845 J.B. 619

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Rev. Departt.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th August 1845.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 14th August, 1845.

(Here enter No. 961.)

Resolved that a copy of Paras 1 to 21 and Para 23 be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Principal Collector of Madura, with reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 6th March 1845.

Mr. Blackburne will be pleased to furnish the reports called for by Government in Paras 6. 11. 12 and 13.

(A true Extract)

J. Hyde (?)

Secretary

Compd. J. Lambert

Rev. Deptt.

No. 961.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date the 14th August, 1845.

Read the following

Extract from the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue.

Relative to the Settlement
of the Land Revenue in the
District of Madura for
Fuslies 1252 and 1253.
A. D. 1842/3 . 1843/4

(Here enter 6th March 1845.) No. 193.)

Para 1. From the former part of the Proceedings recorded above, it appears that the lateness of the rains in Fuslies 1252 and 1253 proved unfavorable for Dry Cultivation, and that although they were sufficiently abundant afterwards for Wet cultivation, yet their intermediate failure in November of Fusly 1253 materially

Season
Paras 2 and 3

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affected the wet produce of that year.

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Cultivation. 2. The Cultivation of Dry lands in Fusly 1252 was below Fusly 1251 in Rupees 24,267, and fell still further in 1253 in Rupees 47,437. In the cultivation of wet there was little difference between the two years Fuslies 1251 and 1252, but a decrease of Rupees 23,545 in 1253 below the year preceding it. The wet garden cultivation was also reduced in Fusly 1252 and still lower in 1253.

Prices. Paras 4. 3. No information is afforded respecting prices beyond the intimation that they were lower in Fusly 1253 than in Fusly 1252, and the Board have properly directed the attention of the local Officers to this important omission.

Revenue. Para 5. 4 The Net Ryotwar Settlement of

of Fuslies 1252 and 1253 amounted to Rupees 10,78,250-13-3* and Rupees 0,09,646-9-0,† exhibiting a decrease of Rupees 20,700-0-7 in the former, and Rupees 24,734-15-6 in the latter in comparison with the year preceding each. Inclusive of Peishcush on Zemindaries the total Government demand on account of Land revenue amounted in Fusly 1252 to Rupees 17,99,766-1-3, and in 1253 to Rupees 17,69,301-11-2, presenting in contrast with Fusly 1251 a progressive falling off as shewn underneath. — P. 14 Demand.

* Including the revenue from the Cunnivady Mootah.
† Excluding — Do — Do

Fusly 1251 Rupees 18,20,466-1-10.
1252 — " — 17,99,766-1-3 - 20,700-0-7 decrease.
1253 — " — 17,69,301-11-2 - 30,464-6-1 decrease.

5. Of the demand for Fusly 1252 Rupees 17,19,483-1-11 were collected by the end of July 1843, leaving a balance of Rupees 80,282-15-4, which was reduced — Collection and Balance.

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[...]th November 1843, Para 14.

at the date of the report to Rupees 13,537-11-11 and since very considerably lessened, there being only Rupees 1,038-13-1, besides a balance of Rupees 2,082-11-6 due by the Ryots of the Palany Hills. Of the demand for 1253 Rupees 1,88,082-3-1 were realized within the Fusly, leaving a balance of Rupees 81,219-8-1, which was reduced by December 1844 to Rupees 7,182-5-10.

6. The Board will be pleased to call upon the Principal Collector for a report on the outstanding balances in his District with a view to their early adjustment. Mr Blackburne in referring to those in the Madicolum Talook says, "that when the Tahsildar proposed to sell land sufficient for their recovery he, Mr Blackburne, preferred to recover them from the

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produce of the succeeding year."

7. The correctness or otherwise of the principle involved in the above arrangement of the Principal Collector is one of general interest, and his Lordship in Council would be glad to have the opinion and report of the Board of Revenue on the subject.

8. His Lordship in Council thinks with the Board of Revenue that the forms of Statements which accompany the Principal Collector's Annual reports should be the same in every year, as they would otherwise retard and perplex rather than facilitate comparison, and he is glad to observe that the attention of the local Officers has been directed to this point. Para 5.

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Para 6. 9. The more detailed information called for from the Principal Collector regarding the practice prevailing in the two divisions of Madura and Dindigul in respect of Dry land converted into Garden by water from Government sources and by means of wells constructed by the ryots at their own expence, is approved, and His Lordship in Council will hereafter furnish the Board of Revenue with instructions on the general question submitted by them of taxing improvements effected by private capital.

Para 7. 10. His Lordship in Council entirely concurs in the observations recorded in para 7 by the Board of Revenue on the subject of the lands denominated "Dittum turse" and "Potapati turse," and with reference

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to the latter, is of opinion with them, that the system of encouraging Ryots to offer for lands in each other's possession, is open to objection.

11. The Board have properly called the attention of the Principal Collector to the small amount of Revenue derived from lands appropriated to pasture in the Ramgherry Zemindary, compared with the expectations held out by that Officer, and the Government hope for a full report on the subject, and of the measures taken for ensuring the receipt of correct returns from the Curnums, of lands so occupied and subject to the "Grass tax". Paras 8 a[...] 20th June 1[...]

12. His Lordship in Council desires to have the explanations of the Principal Collector to the observations recorded Para 1[...]

recorded by the Board of Revenue, before commenting upon the principle on which remissions have been allowed in the District in the years under review.

Para 12. Mr Blackburne will also explain why he disregarded the rules pointed out for his guidance in this respect, as well as the orders issued for the imposition of an additional tax on single crop wet land occupied by Sugar Cane plantations.

Para 13. 13. On the subject of the "Form kummy" (remissions allowed by Mr Peter and now ordered by the Board, to be no longer permitted,) and the Balances due on these lands, the Government wish to have a report from Mr Blackburne.

Para 16 @ 23. 14. Paragraphs 16 to 23 of the Board's Proceedings are taken up in

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discussion respecting the revenue of the Palany Hills, which were transferred ~~from~~ the renting to the Amany system. The revenue of these Hills under the renting system was little short of 3,400 Rupees per Annum, while under the altered mode of management out of a demand of Rupees 5,553-13-7 for Fusly 1252 Rupees 3,471-2-1 were realized, and in Fusly 1253 out of a settlement amounting to Rupees 5,877-4-4 only Rupees 370-15-4 were collected.

15. The above change it appears was effected by Mr Elliot, the Sub Collector, by measuring the land under cultivation and assessing upon it at so much per Goondah the amount of the taxes payable under the old system," and it is, therefore, not a matter of surprise that the

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plan has signally failed.

16\. The Government cannot concede their approval of the conduct either of the Principal Collector or Sub Collector in this matter. It was the duty of the Principal Collector before authorizing the change to have submitted the subject in detail for the sanction of the Board of Revenue, and if the Sub Collector was in charge of the District when the change was about to be affected he ought to have done the same, or waited until Mr. Blackburne had resumed his office. An illjudged and hasty arrangement such as has taken place in Madura is attended with worse effects than the mere loss of revenue, as it tends to unsettle the minds of the people by interfering with

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rights and privileges which long habit have endeared to them, and renders it more difficult, by the successful opposition, such as has now been made, to carry into operation any future change which the Government might wish to effect.

17. The Most Noble the Governor in Council coincides with the Board of Revenue that under existing circumstances it would be better to revert to the old system of taxing the Stills in the manner explained in the 19th para of their Proceedings under review. Para 19.

18. The Most Noble the Governor in Council has given his best consideration to the correspondence that has passed between the Principal Collector and Sub Collector

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relative to those Hills and submitted
by the Board of Revenue, and is sorry
to be obliged to record his disapproba-
-tion of the tone and spirit of Mr
Blackburne's communications to his
Subordinates. The public interests
in a district must suffer from want
of harmonious cooperation between
it's Revenue Officers, and his Lordship
in Council expects that all appre-
-hension on this account will no longer
be allowed to exist in Madura.

19. His Lordship in Council
deems this a fit opportunity to inti-
-mate to Mr Blackburne that no
such impression as that to which
allusion has been made by him in
the 16th Para of his letter is enter-
-tained by Government, and that the
best evidence of it's confidence in

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his administration of the affairs of the District is to be found in the circumstance of his restoration to it.

20. The remaining paras of the Board's Proceedings relate to errors and omissions in the accounts and Statements connected with the Reports under review, respecting which the Government have no particular observation to make. The observation of the Board, that Mr Blackburne's efforts to carry out the Board's orders for a reform of the defects observed in the Revenue management of Madura had not been such as they had a right to expect, requires explanation, and His Lordship in Council will be glad to have before him a clear detail of the Paras 24 @ 30.

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orders issued by the Board, and the particular respects in which Mr. Blackburne's efforts were found wanting, with that Gentleman's explanations on the subject.

21. The remark of the Board in para 33 "that it will often be practicable to prepare the Puttahs immediately after the signature of the Ryots to the Chittah, so as to be ready for distribution the same day" requires some qualification, as in the opinion of Government, such could only be done in the very smallest Villages, while in all others it would seem impossible.

23. The Most Noble the Governor in Council is pleased to notice with satisfaction the efficient services of the Head Assistant Mr. Lane,

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recorded both by the Principal and Sub Collector in their respective Reports.

(A true Extract)
(Signed) E. P. Thompson
Secretary to Government

(A true Copy)

Wyn...
Secretary

Settled by Letter 1252 & 53 dated 28th August 1845

Desp^d 2^d September 1845

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Rev. Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
1st September, 1845.
Recd. 8th [illegible]

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From

F. Pycroft Esqre.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To

J. Blackburne Esqre.
Principal Collector of Madura.

Rev. Deptt.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will be so good as to furnish at an early date the information called for in Para 2nd of their Proceedings of the 26th May last regarding the succession to the Cannewady Zemindary and the provision to be made for the widows of the late Proprietor. You will also be pleased to call on the Sub Collector Mr. Elliot to expedite the transmission of

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the information required in the 3rd Para of the same Proceedings on the subject of the demand which, he has stated, may be made upon Government on account of that Estate.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
1st September, 1845.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
[signature]
Secretary

Desp'd 3rd D°
Ex'd 8th JB

To
J. Blackburne Esquire
Principal Collector of Madura.

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Revenue Department

No. 1121

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 23rd September 1845.

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Public Department

No. 150.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 6th September 1845.

Read, the following letter from the Post Master General.

Submits letter from the Post Master Tanjore, recommending under the peculiar circumstances of the case, the restoration to Mr I. Jansz formerly Post Office Writer at Nagore of the pension which he resigned in favor of his son.

(Here enter 28 July 1845.)

1 Under date the 5th June 1829, the Government conferred on Mr Jansz a monthly pension of Rupees 8-4-0, which however

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however that individual shortly after relinquished, on condition of his son being nominated to the appointment which he had vacated - The arrangement was accordingly made, and the son held the situation till the 22^d April 1836, when he was dismissed for misconduct - It appears now that the condition of the Father is most pitiable, that he is in his 80th Year - utterly unfit to earn a livelihood, and is only supported by charity -

2\. Under these circumstances and adverting to the advanced age of Mr Danez, and to his long service of seven and thirty years the Most Noble the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the restoration of his pension, payment of which will be made agreeably to the recommendation of the Post Master

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from the 1st July last.

3. The principle however on which the son obtained service, appears to His Lordship in Council objectionable, and he therefore directs, that arrangements of this nature be in future carefully avoided, by the Heads of Departments under this Government.

4. Ordered that this resolution be communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat, whence the necessary instructions will be issued to the local authorities on the subject.

5. Ordered that a renewed Certificate No. 1157 be prepared and issued in favor of Mr. Pauez.

(Signed) R. G. Clarke

Deputy Secretary to Government

Ordered.

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Ordered to be communicat:
:ed to the Board of Revenue and to the Department of Public Works, as well as to the Judges of the Sudr and Foujdaree Adawlut, for their guidance and that of the Officers respectively subordinate to them.

Signed E. P. Thompson
Secretary to Govt.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th September 1845.

Ordered to be communi:
:cated for the information and guidance of the several Collectors and Com:
:missioners under this Presidency.

(A true Extract)

[signature]
Secretary

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Revenue Department.

To

The Prl COLLECTOR of

Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information, an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the month of June last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J W Renfell

Sub Secretary.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
25th September 1845.

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Rec'd 10th [illegible]

No	Names of the Petitioners	Purport of the Petition	Orders of the Board
5597 1845.	From Paupiyana Nadan son of Pareyana Nadan Tobacco Renter for Fusly 1253 in Tyrompully Talook in the District of Madura.	Claiming indemnity for certain loss sustained by him in the Tobacco Rent for Fusly 1253 by the abolition of the Sayer duties before the expiration of the Fusly.	The Principal Collector of Madura is requested to report what arrangements have been made with the Petitioner in respect of his claim. 4. June 1845.

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691. From Ramien son of Veer catasoobien of Cuppumibutty and Cunnoodianputty subject to Camaravady zemindary in Madura.–	Appeals against the Principal Collector's Proceedings in attachment of a Birmada-yeur Maunium enjoyed by the Petitioner's ancestors and himself eversince the assumption of a country with Petitioner's observations, and prays for its restoration to him.–	The Principal Collect[illegible] of Madura is requested to report on the subject of this Petition.– 18th June 1845.
692. From Palanyappah Moodelly Meerassy Curnum of Teroomagoor &ca Villages in the Talook of Mellore in the	Appeals against the decision of the Principal Collector of Madura in unjustly transferring the	The Principal Collector of Madura is requested to report on the subject of this Petition.–

District of Madura.—

18. June 1845.—

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Curunun to an actuary employed by Petitioner under his pay but who fraudulently assumed his name in signing the accounts &ca.

(True Extract)

J. W. Renfell

Sub Secretary

Recd 10th Octr 1845 / JB

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 29th September 1845.

Read Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 20th September 1845.

(Here enter No. 1096)

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Extract together with copy of Para 3 of the Board's letter to which it refers be communicated for the information and guidance of all Collectors of Maritime Districts under this Presidency.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Secretary.

Despd 4 Octr 1845

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Revenue Department.

No. 1096.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 20th September 1845.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

(Here enter 28th August 1845 No. 46)

The Most Noble the Governor in Council is of opinion with the Board of Revenue that under the terms of the Treaty between Her Majesty and His Highness the Imaum of Muscat, all ships owned by His Highness' subjects should be treated as British Bottoms in the Ports of the Madras Presidency, and that to guard against any abuse, the precaution suggested by the Board in the concluding Paragraph should be adopted. A copy of the correspondence will accordingly be transmitted through the Political Department to the

the Government of Bombay, in order that Captain Hamerton, Her Majesty's Consul and Honorable Company's Agent may be requested to communicate to His Highness, the circumstances under which the present rates of duty have been levied, and to arrange for all Vessels belonging to the subjects of His Highness being furnished with Passes or Certificates to enable the Officers in charge of the different Ports of this Presidency to distinguish them from Vessels of other Powers.-

A copy of the above Resolution will be furnished to the Collector of Sea Customs, and, through the Board of Revenue, to the several Collectors at the out ports for their information and guidance.-

(Signed) E. P. Thompson
Secretary to Government
Extract.

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Extract from a letter to the Chief Secretary to Government dated 28th August 1845.

Para 3 Under the terms of the Treaty between Her Majesty and the Imaum it would appear that ships owned by His Highness' subjects should be treated as British Bottoms in all Ports within the limits of the Company's charter — but in this case it would seem to be expedient as suggested by the Collector of Malabar — that all such Vessels should be furnished by the Honorable Company's Agent at Muscat with Passes or Certificates, the production of which would enable the Officers in charge of the different Ports to distinguish between the Vessels belonging to the subjects of His Highness and those belonging to the subjects of any other Power.

(True Copies)

[signature]

Secretary.

Recd 3d Octr 1845 JB

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J. Gibson

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Revenue Bd. Office,

Fort St. George,

29th September 1845.

Circular. Recd 14 Octr J.B.

From

J. Pycroft Esqre

Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To

J. Blackburne Esqre

Principal Collector of

Madura.

Revd. Depart.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue under instructions from Government to request that in all future communications on the subject of resumption or continuance of Enam lands, or other allowances, any Original Sunnuds relating to them which may be forthcoming, together with translations, may be invariably furnished. In the event also of such Enams having been originally granted wholly

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wholly or in part for the support of any religious or charitable institutions, it should be explained whether such institutions still exist and to what extent the expences attendant upon them are defrayed from the proceeds of such Enams. In cases wherein the continuance of any personal grants may be recommended, the Collector should state the age of the party in whose favor the application may be made — the number of persons dependent upon him for support — and whether he has any and what means of subsistence beyond the allowances applied for.

Revenue Bd Office,
Fort St George,
29th September, 1845.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

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Secretary

Desp^d 10 Oct
Recd 14th J.B.

To
J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Comp^d [illegible]

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Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George.
6th October, 1845.
Recd 11th JB

From

J. Pycroft Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To

J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of Madura.

Sir,

Revenue Dept. Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 22d Ultimo, bringing to their notice the unfavorable nature, up to that date, of the season in the Madura District.

2 In this letter you inform the Board, that there has been no rain during the current fusly — that most of the Nunjah planted before its commencement has perished or yielded but a scanty return — that in consequence of the want of rain the Punjah cultivation has greatly decreased — that the Nunjah seed

seed beds are withering - and that there is in many parts of the District a scarcity of drinking water both for men and Cattle - You state that nevertheless it is not your intention to take any steps to ascertain the precise state of the Poonjah Crops with reference to remission, but that you will proceed to levy the Govern=ment dues with severity whenever required - as you believe it to be the opinion both of the Board and Government that you as a Collector neglect their interests by an undue leaning to the cultivators - You conclude by strong remarks upon the raising of the assess=ment in certain Villages - and upon the measure of "allotments of land" now as you state in course of introduction, into the District - Your letter was accompanied by a statement shewing the comparative

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extent and assessment of the cultivation to the end of the month of August for the five fuslies 1251 - 55 - exhibiting as regards the present fusly a melancholy decline both in land and assessment in contrast with any of the four preceding years -

3 In reply I am directed to inform you that in a season so un:propitious as the present has hitherto proved, the Board cannot but regret, that you should have delayed to adopt those measures for ascertaining the precise condition of the cultivation which must serve as the basis for determining the relief to be hereafter afforded, from a mere vague and perfectly unfounded impression that the consideration exhibited by you towards the Ryots has at any time operated to your prejudice either with the Board or

or with Government. The Board desire that on receipt of this letter you will institute the most extensive and careful enquiry into the state of all Crops wet or dry throughout your district, and will, as soon as your enquiries shall be sufficiently advanced, make a full report to them upon the state of the season and condition of the cultivation. suggesting at the same time, in the fullest and most unreserved manner, any measures of relief which may appear to you to be called for.

4 The principle that should regulate the grant of remissions in years of peculiar adversity will be found in the papers furnished by Circular to the Collectors of all unsettled Districts 13th June 1831, to which your particular attention is directed. It is presumed

presumed that these are upon your records, if not copies will be supplied on application - I am further directed to transmit for your information copy of a letter addressed by the Board to the Principal Collector of Cuddapah 13th December 1832 and to request that you will cause statements as therein directed of all lands of which the Crops may have failed to be prepared for your guidance to assist you in deciding upon the claims for remission at the ensuing Settlement - These Statements should be prepared for dry lands as well as wet. In ordinary seasons remission for failure of dry Crops is not allowed, but this rule cannot invariably be enforced - and the present appears to be a year in which more than usual indulgence may perhaps be required - but on this point

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point the Board will be enabled to form a more decided judgment on receipt of your further report.

5 In conclusion the Board direct me to remark, that they have noticed with much regret the very unbecoming tone which pervades the whole of your letter now under reply, and more parti-cularly the highly objectionable passage which concludes it.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obed.t Servant

Rev. B.d Office,
Fort St George,
6. October, 1845.
Desp.d 7 d.
Rec.d 11th

[signature]
Secretary.

To
J. Blackburne Esq.re
P. Coll.r of Madura.

Comp.d [signature]

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To

The Principal Collector of
Cuddapah.

Sir,

The Board of Revenue have taken into consideration your letter of the 5th Instant regarding claims for remission for the failure of dry crops.

2 Under the extremely unfavorable circumstances of this season, the Board are of opinion that the general rule which allows remission only for the failure of the crops on irrigated land must be relaxed, and they think it precious to grant remissions for the failure of dry crops under the same circumstances and on the same considerations as in Fusly 1216.

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3 On referring to Colonel Munro's report on the settlement of that year it appears he caused state-ments to be drawn out of the land whose crops had failed, classed under four heads. the first comprising all lands which having been ploughed could not be sown, the second, land where the seed was sown but never vegetated, the third, land where the crop withered when it was only a few inches above the ground, and the fourth, land where the crops died while the Ear was form-ing without yielding any thing but straw; wherever grain was produced though greatly less than an average crop such land was not admitted into the Statement. He did not remit generally and indiscriminately the assess-ment of the lands entered in the Statements,

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but partly or entirely according to the circumstances of the Ryots and their means of payment with reference to the general outturn of their whole cultivation of dry wet and Garden land and the prices they were able to obtain for the produce of their fields. He estimated that the Remission allowed were on the whole about a fifth of the loss from the deficiency of the crops.

4 The Board understand that the Principal Collector of Bellary has acted upon this plan in the settlement of the Current year, and it is expedient that it be followed as nearly as possible in your District. It will perhaps be necessary to grant a greater indulgence in particular cases in favor of individuals whose means are greatly reduced, but this must be done with discretion

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discretion.

5 When remission is granted on account of the failure of dry crops you will cause it to be entered in the Puttahs that the indulgence is allowed specially on account of the peculiarly unfavorable circumstances of the season and is not to be drawn into a precedent for ordinary years.

I have &c.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George,
13 December 1832

(Signed) R. A. Bannerman
Acting Secretary

Recd 11 October 1845 (?)

(A true Copy)

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Secretary

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
9th October, 1845.
Recd 15th

From
J. Dycroft Esqre.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To
J. Blackburne Esqre.
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Revenue Departt Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th Ultimo, furnishing further information in regard to the land recommended by you for sale in your communication of the 5th August.

2. From this the Board learn that the land in question forms part of the Comarawady Zemindary & is "Punnay" land that is land of which the right of occupancy

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occupancy and cultivation as well as the Proprietary right is vested in the Zemindar. It seems to have been alienated by the late Zemindar in 1822 to his sister for her support - the Jumma upon it 120 Rupees being made good by the proprietor himself - latterly in consequence of Family disputes the Minor Zemindar and his Mother have refused to discharge the assessment - and the land has been recommended for sale in consequence -

3. In reply the Board directs me to observe that the only right in this land which could be sold under the circumstances stated would be merely the Cunnay right or right of occupancy - It is not usual to put up these rights to sale in Zemindaries, nor does Regulation XXVII - 1802 appear applicable to such

such cases - On the whole therefore it seems to the Board that Chakarayummal should be regarded as a Sub Tenant, and that as the Proprietor will no longer pay the assessment upon the land which she occupies she should be required to pay it herself and on failure that the provisions of Regulation XXVIII. 1802 in regard to the distraint and sale of the personal property should be resorted to in her case - Her refusal to discharge the assessment for the future will further render her liable to ejection from the land under Regulations XXX 1802 and V. 1822 --

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St George,
7th October, 1845.
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Recd 15th [illegible]

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
[signature]
Secretary

J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura -

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort Saint George,
16th October 1845.
Recd 22nd /D

From T. Pycroft Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To, J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of Madura.

Sir,

Revenue Departt Para 1. Adverting to the latter part of my letter to your address of the 1st September last, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will again call upon the Sub Collector to furnish the information regarding the claim which as he states may be made upon Government on account of the Cunnewady Zemindary required in Para 3 of the Proceedings of this Office of 26th May 1845 bringing to his notice that the report of the Board to Government on the

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the subject of the succession to the estate is delayed for want of this explanation which the Board desire may be supplied without further loss of time.

2. The Board request that you will be so good as to state in whose possession this Zemindary is at present and whether there is any balance of Peshcush outstanding against it.

Rev. Board Office,
Fort Saint George,
16th October, 1845.
Despd 18th Do
To, Recd 22nd JB

J. Blackburne Esqre.
Princl. Collr. of Madura

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
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Secretary

Compd. Thos Lambert

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
16th October 1845.
Recd 13th Novr 1845

No. 636.

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From
T. Pycroft Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To
J. F. Thomas Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government.

Revenue Departt.

[Da]ted [..]t September 1845.
No. 42 of 1845.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the accompanying letter from the Principal Collector of Madura reporting the institution of a Suit against himself and Mr Ross the Surveyor in the Subordinate Court of Madura by one Soobramaniya Chetty and forwarding copies and translation of the Plaint and the Answer which he proposes to put in and for the maintaining the defence of which at the public expense he solicits the sanction of Government.

From

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2. From these papers it appears that the object of the action is to restrain the Principal Collector from removing certain "ungarooms" or build=ings in the occupation of the Plaintiff and from interfering with his enjoy=ment of certain ground and a well valued in the aggregate at Rupees 1470 on the grounds that the Plain=tiff possesses the right to the occupation of the same in accordance with a Deed of Mortgage granted to him by certain parties named in the Plaint who lay claim to the property in right of succession from the original founders of the buildings.

3. In the Answer proposed to be put in, the Principal Collector after arguing against the regularity of the suit being brought by the

Mortgagee proceeds to state that the buildings in question are not the property of the Mortgagors and that their Ancestors appropriated to their own use the Muntapom of the Pagodah and erected without authority or right of any kind the buildings under litigation and which have from time to time been extended and converted into dwellings around the Pagodah thereby encroaching clandestinely upon the Public Street.

4. The Board consider that the Principal Collector has shewn good grounds for depriving the Plaintiff of the Muntapom and for the removal of the encroachments in question, and therefore they beg to recommend that he may be authorised to defend the suit at the Public Expense.

Revenue Board Office,
Ft. George, 16th October 1845.
Recd - 13th November 45

I have &c
(Signed) J. Pycroft
Secretary.

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Revenue Department.

No. 1307

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 8th November 1845.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

(Here Enter 16th October 1845 No. 636.)

The Most Noble the Governor in Council grants authority for the defence in the first instance at the public expense of the Suit No. 42 of 1845 instituted in the Subordinate Court of the Zillah by one Soobramanien Chetty against the Principal Collector of Madura and Mr. Ross the Surveyor, but will determine when a copy of the Decree is submitted, whether the costs if any be adjudged against the Principal Collector shall be borne by that Officer or by the Government.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) E. P. Thompson
Secretary to Government.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 10th November 1845.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation and of the Board's letter to which it relates be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Principal Collector of Madura with reference to his letter dated 19th September last.

(A true Extract)

[signature]
Secretary

Desp. 10 Nov 1845 Recd 13 [illegible]

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Rev. Depart.t

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th November 1845.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 14th October 1845.

(Here enter No. 210)

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition No. 806 of 1845.

Under the explanation furnished by the Principal Collector regarding the circumstances of Petitioner's dismissal from Office, the Board see no reason to interfere in his behalf.

(A true Extract)

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Secretary

Despd 19 November 1845
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Revenue Department

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th November 1845.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura, dated 18th October 1845, reporting in detail upon the subject of Petition No. 692 of 1845 presented to the Board by one Palanyappah Moodelliar respecting his claim to the Curnumship of the six Villages of Teroomagoor &c in the Mellore Talook of that District.

(Here enter.)

Para 1. The Board learn from the foregoing investigation into the allegations contained in the Petitioner's address that he succeeded his Uncle as

as Curnum of the above Villages in the year 1819, but that in consequence of his Nonage the duties of the Curnumship were carried on by one Virthasalom alias Soobramaniya Moodelliar, a distant relative, as Goomastah for the minor, until the year 1832, when the Petitioner succeeded to and undertook the personal discharge of the office of Curnum in the Village of Colamungalum, leaving his opponent Virthasalom in the sole charge of the Curnumship of those Villages in which he had been employed as a Goomastah.

2 This arrangement appears to have continued till lately, when dissensions arising between the parties the Petitioner has brought forward his claims to succeed to the whole of the Villages to the entire exclusion

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of Virthasalam, on the grounds of hereditary succession

3 The Board however are averse from dispossessing the individual who since the year 1819 would appear to have discharged the duties of Curnum of the Village of Teroomagoor to the satisfaction of the local authorities and the Village community, but at the same time are unwilling to overlook entirely the claims of the Petitioner, whose name would seem to have been duly registered to the office on the secession of his Uncle in the above year, altho it should be remarked, as noticed by the Principal Collector, that the office should have devolved in right of succession upon one of the sons of the late incumbent in preference

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to his maternal Nephew the Petitioner.

4 Under all the circumstances of the case the Board would suggest that some amicable arrangement should be made for the adjustment of the differences existing between the Petitioner Tolamy appah Moodelliar and the individual who for such a lengthened period, Viz 26 years, has been in possession of the Curnumship of Tiroomaguor -

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on the Petitions presented by the two parties above named -

No 692 of 1845 and 1384 of 1845 -

"The Petitioner is referred to the Principal Collector of Madura, with whom the Board have communicated on the subject of this Petition -"

(A true Extract)

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George.
24th November, 1845.
Recd. 30th J.B.

From
T. Pycroft Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
To
J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of Madura.

Rev. Depart.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd Ultimo, requesting instructions in regard to certain questions arising from the transfer of an Umbalom Inamassee recently made by you under orders of the Subordinate Court.

2. The particulars of the case are not stated, but the Board presume, that, as in the instance to which the Enclosure in your letter refers, the sale of the Inamassee must have taken place in consequence

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of some transaction which came under the cognizance of the Civil Courts prior to the promulgation of Regulation VI. 1831. If it be otherwise, the Board request that the actual circumstances may be explained.

3. In regard to the points submitted in Para 2 of your letter, the party to whom the late transfer has been made, having as the Board understand purchased the entire Meerassee with its fees, maneum lands, and emoluments of all kinds, must they apprehend be held to have succeeded to all the duties and liabilities of the former holder. They are also of opinion that it is not competent to him to sell, divide, or in any way alienate the emoluments of the Meerassee - all such alienations subsequent to the passing of Regulation VI. 1831 and not arising immediately from

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transactions pending at the time that that Regulation was passed, being peremptorily interdicted by it's provisions. It does not appear to the Board that this case bear hardly upon the late purchaser, who bought the Office in it's present state and subject to all the conditions of the existing law.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

[signature]

Secretary

Reve Bd Office,
Fort St George,
4th November 1845.

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J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura.

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort Saint George,
27th November 1845.
Recd 1 December 45

From T. Pycroft Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of Madura.

Sir,

Revenue Dept. Paras 1.- I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you, that it has been proposed to discontinue the appointment of Sub Collector and Joint Magistrate in your District, with a view to compensate wholly, or in part for the expense incurred by the recent creation of an office of that class in the District of Rajahmundry - I am therefore desired to call upon you, for communication to Government, for your sentiments as upon the measure, and to request

that

that you will state whether in your opinion, adverting to the size of your District, the landed tenure obtaining in it, and other local circumstances, the office of Sub Collector and Joint Magistrate might be discontinued, and the business of the District be carried on without embarrassment or inconvenience by the Collector and assistants.

2.- You will also be pleased to state, whether in the event of the Sub Collectorate being abolished, the whole of the establishment attached to it might also be with-drawn. and if not, what portion of it - and will at the same time submit a Statement shewing the establishment entertained on

in Madura prior to the appointment of a Sub Collector, and the present establishment.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort Saint George,
27th November, 1845.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

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Secretary.

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To,
J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura.

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Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
9th. October 1845.

No. 624. Recd 17th Dec. JB

From,
T. Pycroft Esqr.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To,
J. F. Thomas Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

...nue Depart.

Para 1. Adverting to the order of Government No. 892. 26th. July 1845, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the orders of the Most Noble the Governor in Council, the accompanying letter with enclosures from the Principal Collector of Madura.

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2. The object of Mr. Blackburne in making this reference appears to be

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to satisfy his doubts in regard to the Countries which are to be considered as Foreign and not British Possessions within the limits of the East India Company's Charter, as stated in Act 5 and 6 Victoria, Capt 49. The Board presume that the only Foreign territories so situated in regard to the Madras Presidency as to admit of their produce being brought to its Ports for Shipment are, the Foreign European Settlements, the dominions of His Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad, and the Rajahs of Nagpore, Travancore, and Cochin. Mysore must, the Board conceive be considered as a British Possession. The instructions proposed to be issued by Mr. Blackburne to his Sea Custom House Officers appear therefore to be correct.—

3. The words Mangalore alluded

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to by the Principal Collector is undoubtedly a clerical error but it was the same in the papers furnished to the Board.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
9th October, 1845.

I have &ca.
(Signed) T. Pycroft
Secretary.

No. 1358.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 25th November, 1845.

The Most Noble the Governor in Council agrees with the Board of Revenue that the Countries which are to be considered Foreign and not British Possessions, within the limits of the East India Company's Charter, as stated in Act 5 and 6. Vic. Cap 49. are those enumerated in para 2 of

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of the foregoing letter, excepting Mysore, which, as the Board observe, must be regarded as a British possession.—

2. It is desirable that a Circular to the above effect should be issued to the local Officers to prevent misapprehension.—

(Signed) E. P. Thompson
Secy. to Govt.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th December 1845.

Resolved that a Copy of the foregoing Extract, and of the Boards letter to which it relates, be communicated to the Principal Collector of Madura, for his information and guidance, with reference to his letter dated 7th September

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last. In reference to his proposed circular to his Sea Custom House Officers, the Principal Collector will observe that since the despatch of his letter, Tranquebar has become a British Possession.

(A true Extract)

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Secretary

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Rev. Board Office,
Fort Saint George,
11th December 1845.
Recd 17th [illegible]

From, J. Pycroft Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To, J. Blackburne Esquire
Principal Collector of Madura.

Revenue Dept.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th Ultimo No. 248, reporting the attachment of the Chinnavady Zemindary by order of Court for debts, and requesting sanction to increase the Talook Establishment from Rupees 199: 8: " to Rupees 305 : " : " per mensem, the amount at which it stood prior to the surrender of the Zemindary to the late Proprietor on 3d November 1843.

2. In reply I am directed by the

the Board to convey to you their

Sanction for the proposed arrangement

the difference in the Expence

of the Talook Establishment

Viz.t Rupees 365 : 8 : " per mensem,

Establishment when the Zemindary formed part of the Talook	Rup.s 365 : " :
D.o Retained	199 : 8 :
difference now sanctioned	365 : 8 :

being charged against the Cumewady

Zemindary.

Rev. Board Office,
Fort St. George,
11.th December, 1845.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

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Secretary.

Desp.d 13 D.o — Rec.d 17.th D.o

To J. Blackburne Esquire
Princ.l Coll.r of Madura.

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Revenue Bd Office,
Fort St George,
24th November 1845.
No 713 Recd 21st December 45

From
T. Pycroft Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

To
J. F. Thomas Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

Revd Departt Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will submit for the orders of the Most
31 October, 1845. Noble the Governor in Council, the accompanying letter from the Principal Collector of Madura, reporting that a piece of Poonjah land measuring 9 7/16 Goolies assessed at Rupees 10-12-10, the Maniem of the Totties of Vagacolum ~~in the Thegroomungalum~~ Talook, has in consequence of improvement to

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to the tank of Poolia Gowndenputty been absorbed in the water spread of that tank, and requesting authority to grant them an equivalent Manium from the arable Poonjah lands, Viz.t 12 11 3/16 Goolies bearing an assessment of Rupees 10-12-10, there being no waste land in the Village fit for cultivation.-

2 The Board recommend that this arrangement may be sanctioned.-

Revenue B.d Office,
Fort S.t George,
24.th November, 1845.

I have &c
(Signed) J. Pycroft
Secretary

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 6.th December 1845.-

The Most Noble the Governor in Council sanctions the arrangement recommended

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recommended by the Board of Revenue in the foregoing letter.—

(Signed) E. P. Thompson
Secretary to Govt.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th December, 1845.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing resolution of Government, and of the Boards letter to which it relates, be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Principal Collector of Madura, with reference to his letter dated 31st October last.—

(A true Extract)
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Secretary

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Revl. Bd. Office
Fort St. George,
18th December 1845.
Recd. 22nd JD

Circular.

From

T. Pycroft Esqre.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To

J. Blackburne Esqre.
Principal Collector of Madura.

Sir,

Rev. Dept.

The Government having in a recent communication to this Office directed that due care be taken in all the Provinces under this Presidency to prevent the endowments attached to Village Offices being misappropriated, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to call your attention to the

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the subject, and to request that you will adopt all requisite precautions for preventing such misappropriations.

Rev. Bd. Office, Fort St. George, 18th December, 1845.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant

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Secretary

Despd 18 d.
Recd 22 [illegible]

To
J. Blackburne Esqre
Prinl. Collr. of Madura.